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The honorees of the 2013 Governor's Humanities Award, from left, Kurt Barnes, Eulalia S. Villagomez (standing in for Donald P. Mendiola), Marjorie Driver, Rosanna Barcinas, and Bryan Manabat pose on stage Thursday night at the Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club.

GOVERNOR'S HUMANITIES AWARD

Marjorie Driver gets Lifetime Achievement award

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» 4 others also honored

Marjorie Driver, a retired educator and historian who first came to the Marianas in the 1950s, is this year's awardee of the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities for the 2013 Governor's Humanities Award held Thursday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The former principal of St. John's and professor at University of Guam played a key role in locating and acquiring copies of Spanish government documents relating to the Mariana Islands from archives in Spain, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Driver is also a founding member of the Micronesian Area Research Center.

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Four-year countdown begins for poker parlors to relocate

» New law bans 'new' poker arcades from within 200 feet of playgrounds, parks

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REPORTER

New poker parlors are no longer allowed to operate within 200 feet of schools, churches, parks, playgrounds and Laundromats on Saipan, while existing poker businesses within the 200-ft. radius will have up to four years to relocate under a new local zoning law that Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed on Friday.

The Legislature didn't receive until yesterday copies of this and two other new local laws that the governor signed last week.

The number of licensed poker machines on Saipan is estimated at between 400 and 500.

"This proposal to move poker machines away from schools has been pushed for so many years and I'm glad it

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'Lost world' discovered in remote Australia

The leaf-tailed gecko. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP)—An expedition to a remote part of northern Australia has uncovered three new vertebrate species isolated for millions of years, with scientists Monday calling the area a "lost world."

Conrad Hoskin from James Cook University and a National Geographic film crew were dropped by helicopter onto the rugged Cape Melville mountain range on Cape York Peninsula earlier this year and were amazed at what they found.

It included a bizarre looking leaf-tail gecko, a golden-colored skink and a boulder-dwelling frog, none of them ever seen before.

"The top of Cape Melville is a lost world. Finding these new species up there is the discovery of a lifetime—I'm still amazed and buzzing from it," said Hoskin from the Queensland-

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EVERY BURIAL COST ESTIMATED AT $400

Lack of 'seed' funding stalls use of new Marpi cemetery

» Overcrowding at other cemeteries continues

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A lack of as little as $60,000 in "seed" funding, local agencies' finger-pointing on responsibilities, and a lack of power supply in the area have stalled the use of the $2.9-million Marpi public cemetery, more than two years since it was built and as overcrowding in other cemeteries persist.

But some lawmakers and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources said yesterday the waiting should be over soon.

"We have another All Saints Day and All Soul's Day coming up and we still have not addressed the overcrowding at the cemeteries by opening the new Marpi cemetery, which has been completed since two years ago. It looks like we're now moving forward," House Public Utilities,

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On May 31st, 2013, the 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation adopted the new and improved Saipan Zoning Law of 2013… on July 15th, 2013, the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos approved and signed it into law.

These are the summarized changes:

- ✔ Single family homes are now allowed in all districts, except within the Industrial zone.
- ✔ Your signed Home Business application is your permit to begin business (if there are no external changes to buildings or if no products will be sold from the house)
- ✔ "Mom and Pop" grocery stores, barber shops, bookstores, flower shops, daycares, offices, small scale catering, apartments, restaurants, and small aquaculture projects that meet certain requirements are permitted in Village Residential districts or allowed as conditional uses… to encourage more walkable neighborhoods.
- ✔ Fence heights have been raised to 10 feet to allow for greater security for residents, provided that the fence allows the public to view the other side and is made of appropriate materials that do not detract from the appearance of the neighborhood.
- ✔ Certain industrial uses, including manufacturing, warehousing, and junkyards have been confined to Industrial and Mixed Commercial districts and removed as permitted uses in "Rural" areas. A new category of use, "Intensive Outdoor Amusement," which would include race tracks and carnivals previously included in the category of Outdoor Amusement, has been created as a conditional use in Rural areas. Marpi has been designated as a special rural area, and many uses ordinarily permitted in rural areas are not permitted in the Marpi area.
- ✔ The law requires additional screening for gas stations and vehicle repair (auto shops) where these businesses operate in more sensitive zoning districts. In addition, a 3 foot setbacks for fire safety have been added in districts which previously allowed for building all the way up to the lot line.
- ✔ Beauty Salons and Spas (Massage Parlors). The law has been clarified to ensure that legitimate beauty salons and spas do not fall within the definition of adult business as a result of offering massage services. Similarly, traditional massage in the home is not considered an adult business.
- ✔ Parking and Sidewalks. Required sidewalks in specified areas have been made narrower and less expensive for developers. Required sidewalks are now 4 and 6 feet wide rather than 8 and 12 feet wide. In addition, the Zoning Administrator has been given more discretion regarding parking requirements for new buildings.
- ✔ Cargo Containers. Proposed revisions to the law prohibit using containers as fencing but allow for use as permanent storage when properly screened from public view. Cargo containers may be transformed into residential structures provided that they are architecturally altered to reduce their industrialized appearance by providing windows and doors, and other features such as open porch areas.
- ✔ Temporary Batch Plants. Requirements for temporary batch plants for concrete and asphalt necessary for construction projects are spelled out in detail. Batch plants may not be within 150 feet of a structure or use not associated with the construction project. If the temporary site is not within 150 feet of a public use, the applicant may seek permission of all nearby persons with an interest in the surrounding properties to operate the temporary batch plant within the setback area. No temporary use shall exceed a maximum of 45 days. Temporary Batch Plants are not allowed in Village Residential and Village Commercial zoning districts.
- ✔ Submissions of Applications for a Zoning Permit. Anyone with a legal interest in the land may apply for a zoning permit. It is unnecessary to get everyone with a legal interest in the property to agree to apply for a permit. This change should help to insure that permit applications are processed quickly.
- ✔ Following lots have been rezoned in the new Saipan Zoning Law of 2013: (up to 300 feet from the center line of the road)

These major thoroughfares have been rezoned to "Village Commercial" districts: Chalan Pale Arnold, Navy Hill Road, Sugar King Road (part), Isa Drive (part), Kagman Road (part), Chalan Mnsgr. Guerrero (near NMC and Dandan Joeten), Chalan Mnsgr. Martinez (As Lito Road), Dandan Road (part), As Gonno (Tun Kiyoshi Road), As Perdido Road (intersection at Hopwood Jr. High School towards airport), and Chalan Tun Herman Pan (near Herman's Bakery). The Board has also added more "Mixed Commercial" areas by the airport, around the intersection of Koblerville Road and Chalan Mnsgr. Martinez, and on Chalan Mnsgr. Guerrero from the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold to As Terlaje.

The changes to the improved law will be presented to the general public on the following dates from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please join us to understand more:

Tuesday, October 29, 2013	**Multipurpose Center, Susupe**
Tuesday, November 05, 2013	**Tanapag Elementary School**
Thursday, November 07, 2013	**Kagman High School, Cafeteria**
Thursday, November 14, 2013	**Hopwood Jr. High School, Cafeteria**
Tuesday, November 19, 2013	**Dandan Elementary School, Cafeteria**

For further information and assistance, please call 234-9661or visit our office on the 2nd floor of Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

We additionally ask for your continued support and patience as we prepare to present to you Zoning's new website and printed copies of the 2013 Saipan Zoning Law in the next few days.

/s/ The Commonwealth Zoning Board & Zoning Office

Local

Two allegedly forged $20, $50 dollar bills in Guam

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—The U.S. Secret Service is advising the public to be cautious of fake money circulating on island. Two people were arrested last week on charges that they made over 200 fake $50 and $20 bills. The method they allegedly used is called washing or bleaching.

"What's significant about the counterfeit that was being produced recently is the fact that it's produced on genuine notes. It's called bleach or washed note where the genuine ink is washed off the note, bleached off the note, and then a counterfeit bill of a higher denomination is printed on top of the genuine paper," said Kevin Clifton, USSS resident agent in charge.

According to the complaint filed in District Court, 29-year-old Michael Basilio Badar and 32-year-old Reneelinette Mesa produced the fake cash over a three-week period.

In the complaint, Secret Service Special Agent Glen Peterson said investigation began in January this year. It stopped but then resumed in October. Peterson was led to the couple by others who received the fake cash from Badar and Mesa.

On Oct. 4, Badar and Mesa were apprehended at the Harmon Loop Hotel where they were caught red-handed. According to Peterson, the couple consented to a search where authorities found a computer, a color printer, gloves with green ink on them and a $5 bill. According to the complaint, the couple confessed to the whole scheme, telling Peterson that they got the idea from watching videos online.

Clifton said this method makes it difficult for some to detect counterfeit bills because they are printed on real currency.

"The ink test that everyone knows about will not work to detect the counterfeit; it will show up as genuine," said Clifton.

Clifton said there are other ways to detect fake money. One way is to hold the bill up to a light. The person's image on the bill should match the watermark.

Also, he said, if the bill gets wet, fake money should bleed. Clifton also offers advice to local retailers and some of the red flags they should look out for.

"A counterfeiter typically will go into a store buy a pack of gum and try to pay for it with a $50 or $100 bill and get a large amount of change," he said.

Badar and Mesa were charged with possession of electronic images of U.S. currency. The crime is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000.

Find more information on how to detect fake currency on the Secret Service website at secretservice.gov; look for the Know Your Money link on the homepage. Check out newmoney.gov for more tips on detecting counterfeit bills.

IRS claims former law firm owes $22,191 in back taxes

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service filed yesterday a notice of federal tax lien on a former law firm of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho and attorney Viola Alepuyo for alleged failure to pay $22,191.04 in federal taxes.

Alepuyo told *Saipan Tribune* there is no wrongdoing on their part, but only a dispute as to the exact amount they owed. She said they will pay and the matter will be deemed closed.

Alepuyo said the IRS first claimed that their former law firm owes $32,000, which they disputed. She said the IRS now sees their point of view, with the amount now calculated at $22,000—"which is a big difference."

The lawyer said their message to their accountant, who is the one doing the paperwork, was that once the amount is settled, they will stipulate and make the payment.

"We cannot pay it if we don't know how much we owe," she pointed out.

IRS filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI the notice of tax lien against "Camacho & Alepuyo LLC C&A Attorneys At Law" for its failure to pay the Employers Quarterly Federal Tax Return for the tax period ending 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

IRS said they are giving notice that taxes (including interest and penalties) have been assessed against the taxpayer and that they have made a demand for payment of this liability, but it remains unpaid.

"Therefore, there is a lien in favor of the United States on all property and rights to property belonging to this taxpayer for the amount of these taxes, and additional penalties, interest, and costs that may accrue," IRS stated in the notice.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Camacho and Alepuyo law firm was closed in 2008 when Camacho joined the Legislature. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CUC told to complete oil storage tank project ASAP

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter has ordered the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to move forward with the completion of an oil storage tank project at CUC's Power Plant 1 in Lower Base.

Carter said it is imperative that the construction of Tank 102, including the correction of defects to the existing unfinished tank structure and grouting, move forward without further delay.

CUC was given until Thursday, Oct. 31, to submit a proposed statement of work and a request for proposals procurement package to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its review.

If CUC and its bonding company fail to agree on one statement of work for the correction and completion work, the utilities agency shall submit its statement of work to EPA, together with a copy of the statement of work being proposed by the bonding company, he said.

Alternatively, Carter said, the bonding company should submit a written statement that sets forth a listing of items the bonding company rejects in CUC's statement of work and request for proposals, together with its reasons for the rejection.

If the bonding company does not provide a copy of its proposed statement of work or the written statement to CUC prior to Oct. 31, 2013, EPA shall review the information provided by CUC in its submission.

The judge ordered that EPA's review of CUC's statement of work and request for proposals procurement package be completed within 15 days after CUC's submission.

"CUC shall take steps to publish the RFP within 10 working days after receipt of comments from EPA," he said.

Carter further ordered CUC to publish the RFP, review and evaluate all proposals received under such RFP publication, and award a contract to a contractor no later than Jan. 6, 2014.

In 2009, the federal court entered stipulated orders regarding, among other things, the integrity of CUC's oil storage tanks.

The stipulated orders represent an agreement between the CNMI government, CUC, and EPA that sets up the process that will help CUC comply with all requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The stipulated orders provide a roadmap for providing improved water and sewer services in the CNMI.

CUC has stated that its oil storage tanks continue to endanger the lives of people and the environment.

'Propositioning Ships Squadron can help in times of emergencies'

MARK RABAGO

Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron Three commander Capt. Leonard V. "Len" Remias served as last week's speaker at the weekly Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan. To his right is Rotary Club president Laila Y. Boyer.

Aside from a good indicator of forthcoming bad weather, the prepositioning ships out in the Saipan Lagoon can come to the aid of island residents in times of calamities and disasters.

Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3 commander Capt. Leonard V. "Len" Remias said their ships are not only laden with combat materiel but also stores supplies and equipment for humanitarian efforts.

Remias, who was guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Rotary Club of Saipan, said his squadron could serve as a platform to evacuate people during storms or typhoons. The ships also have significant capacity to aid distressed communities.

For instance, Remias said, his squadron comes equipped with a hospital-in-a-box that has 150 beds and is always ready to deploy.

The squadron also has thousands of ready-to-eat rations and 30,000 gallons of fresh water on board so feeding the hungry and quenching the thirst of island residents suddenly devoid of food ad drinking water will not be a problem, he said.

The ships also carry generators that can power a small island, which would come in handy providing power to the Commonwealth Health Center and other critical facilities in times of disaster.

For military preparedness, Remias said each of his ships carry large amount of explosives and carry anything from tanks to artillery and other military vehicles ready for combat deployment.

Remias also took the occasion to ask community groups such as the local Rotary Club to partner with his squadron in civic and community events. In fact, Remias already volunteered his men's services in this past weekend's Las Vegas Night and the coming Trunk or Treat activity of the group.

Remias assumed his current duties as commander of the prepositioning ship in July 2013.

Despite being called Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3, Remias' command is actually one of two squadrons designed to pre-stage U.S. Marine Corps equipment and supplies in strategic locations around the world.

The primary mission of Squadron 3 is to support the rapid deployment of a Marine Corps Air-Ground Task Force by delivering combat and logistics vehicles, fuel, ammunition, rations, and supplies to the Marines where needed throughout the world.

Island residents usually look at the absence of prepositioning ships in the Saipan Lagoon as an indicator of coming bad weather. Remias acknowledged the practice by saying that he does instruct his captains to move out of the lagoon days before a storm hits the island. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Transportation and Communications chair Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said in a meeting with agency representatives yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero said the Chalan Kanoa cemetery, for example, is already filled to capacity, yet a new public cemetery that's been built since two years ago has been allowed to sit idle.

DLNR Secretary Arnold I. Palacios said a $60,000 "seed" funding from the Legislature will at least allow the department to finally award a contract to one of three bidders for the "opening and closing" of burial crypts at the Marpi cemetery.

He said the proposed two-year contract allows the contractor to bill the government a set amount per burial, but there would still be seed money needed for the contract signing.

Palacios, at the same time, told some House members yesterday afternoon that the cost of each burial at the new Marpi public cemetery is estimated at $400.

While DLNR has yet to set the fees to be charged to the families of those that will be buried at the new public cemetery, it is expected that the amount would be "at least" $200.

This is a one-time payment, and the rest will become a government subsidy unless new fee schedules are set to defray the cost maintaining the cemetery.

The federally-funded construction of the Marpi public cemetery was completed in early 2011.

However, it has not been used since then due to a host of issues that include local agencies' finger pointing as to who will be responsible for issuing the regulations and who will be responsible for its operations and maintenance, among other things.

Palacios said the Bureau of Environmental Health under the now Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.—formerly the Department of Public Health—is supposed to regulate the public cemetery, and DLNR could help supervise the burials.

He said the departments of Public Works and Public Safety are also supposed to play roles as well.

"Somebody had to take care of it so DLNR took ownership of it, just so we can move forward with this project. We know it's supposed to be Public Health but they were not able to do so," Palacios told House PUTC Committee members.

DLNR has published proposed regulations on the public cemetery's operations.

The House PUTC Committee also invited assistant attorney general Charles Brasington to update them on a partial settlement agreement between the government and Friends of Marpi in connection with the latter's lawsuit over the installation of power poles in Marpi.

Under the settlement deal, the government will take down the power poles in Marpi from the Buddhist temple to the Veterans Cemetery along Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

Reps. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) and Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) hoped that the lawsuit and the settlement agreement won't hinder future developments in the Marpi area—such as homesteads—that need power supply.

House members also asked Brasington, Palacios, and Capital Improvement Project Office's Carl Castro as to the source of power needed for the operations and maintenance of the Marpi public cemetery.

Palacios and Castro said the government will be temporarily sharing the power generator that is being used by the adjacent CNMI Veterans Cemetery.

Brasington told lawmakers that nothing in the Friends of Marpi lawsuit prevents the government from having power generators onsite.

Palacios reiterated that with seed funding, the Marpi cemetery can be put to use.

"All that needs to get done is [seed] funding to pay the contractor. DLNR has already signed off on the notice of intent to award," he told lawmakers that also included Reps. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) and Tony Benavente (Ind-Saipan).

The new, non-denominational public cemetery has 2,500 double crypts or double-stack occupancy crypts for a total of 5,000 burials.

It has a potential to provide over 50,000 crypts for 33 years.

Under a 13-year-old law, upon completion of the Marpi Public Cemetery construction, there should no longer be burials at the Wireless Hill Public Cemetery on Capital Hill.

The law says "within 60 days of such closure," the DPH secretary—now the CHC chief executive officer—shall submit an exhumation plan for the transfer of bodies to the Marpi Public Cemetery and anticipated related costs."

No such exhumation plan for the bodies' transfer has been submitted and the Marpi Public Cemetery has yet to open.

"We should all work together to open this new public cemetery," Deleon Guerrero added.

AUSTRALIA

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based university.

"Finding three new, obviously distinct vertebrates would be surprising enough in somewhere poorly explored like New Guinea, let alone in Australia, a country we think we've explored pretty well."

The mountain range is home to millions of black granite boulders the size of cars and houses piled hundreds of meters high.

While surveys had previously been conducted in the boulder-fields around the base of Cape Melville, the plateau of boulder-strewn rainforest on top had remained largely unexplored, fortressed by massive boulder walls.

Within days of arriving, the team had discovered the three new species as well as a host of other interesting species that Hoskins said may also be new to science.

The highlight was the leaf-tailed gecko, a "primitive-looking" 20 centimeter-long (7.9 inches) creature that is an ancient relic from a time when rainforest was more widespread in Australia.

The Cape Melville Leaf-tailed Gecko, which has huge eyes and a long, slender body, is highly distinct from its relatives and has been named *Saltuarius eximius*, Hoskins said, with the findings detailed in the latest edition of the international journal *Zootaxa*.

"The second I saw the gecko I knew it was a new species. Everything about it was obviously distinct," he said.

Highly camouflaged, the geckos sit motionless, head-down waiting to ambush passing insects and spiders.

The Cape Melville Shade Skink is also restricted to moist rocky rainforest on the plateau, and is highly distinct from its relatives, which are found in rainforests to the south.

Also discovered was a small boulder-dwelling frog, the Blotched Boulder-frog, which during the dry season lives deep in the labyrinth of the boulder-field where conditions are cool and moist.

In the summer wet season it emerges on the surface rocks to feed and breed in the rain.

DRIVER

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The Spanish documents she acquired now forms the basis of MARC's Spanish Documents Collection, which she herself administered as curator for over 30 years.

Aside from her work as an administrator and educator, Driver has also published dozens of articles and books presenting English language translations of historical materials concerning the lengthy Spanish presence in the Mariana Islands, including some that shed light on the history and culture of the CNMI.

"Professor Driver's work has provided a foundation of the Spanish history of the Mariana Islands and Micronesia that will serve as a future resource for future historians for 50 years to come. People like me, long after I'm gone, will be using Marjorie's work as their first priority when doing research in the Marianas. So this accolade is long overdue," said local historian Don Farrell.

Driver thanked the Northern Marianas Humanities Council for the award and encouraged local historians to continue their excellent work of telling the stories of the past for future generations to learn from.

Driver said she co-founded MARC in an effort to preserve the written history of the Marianas, which until recently was dominated by oral history.

"I was here with the class of 1955 from a high school in Guam and when I spoke to them, I told them they were the ones responsible for my most recent change of careers. Because when I was teaching world history to those children, they used to tell me when I asked about their Spanish background, 'Mrs. Driver my grandmother told me all of these things.' But what they were really saying is we didn't have all these materials available here on island. It was still oral history and that's one of the reasons we established MARC."

Also honored Thursday night were Kurt Barnes, research and publication in the humanities; Rosanna P. Barcinas, preservation of Marianas history; and Donald P. Mendiola and Bryan Manabat, outstanding humanities teachers.

Barnes is the author of *Sports Legends of Micronesia: 1966-2012*. The 216-page book involved extensive archival research and interviews with people in the CNMI, Guam, Chuuk, Kosrae, Palau, and Pohnpei. It included personal accounts of memorable games and athletes as well as an overview of athletic cultures of the various island groups.

Barnes, a retired education and sports coach, said that publishing the book was a lifelong dream and hopefully makes up for the lack of written material about sports in the region.

"Everything is oral in sports and it's handed down from generation to generation. That's why it's important to write it down and thank goodness to Francisco 'Tanko' Palacios. He's got statistics that go back 50 years that involved baseball and softball. In fact, when I was in Palau I talked to all the great softball players and I asked them for their bios and they said 'check with Tanko.'"

Barcinas, meanwhile, co-chaired the steering committee for the 1st Marianas History Conference on Saipan in June 2012 and played a key role in the 2nd Marianas History Conference in Guam last August.

She is currently a consultant on historic preservation and is engaged in several ongoing projects in the CNMI and Guam. Barcinas also worked for 17 years as program officer for the Guam Preservation Trust.

"I was actually shocked and even teared up because I'm so flattered to get this acknowledgement from the community here in the Northern Marianas," said Barcinas. "The work the Historic Preservation Society and the Humanities is just remarkable for what little financial resources they get."

Manabat got the nod for Outstanding Teacher of the Year for planning and administering a very successful summer educational program at the San Isidro Learning Center. The program targeted elementary, junior high, and high school students over the three-month summer break.

Manabat, who has served as Motheread coordinator since 2007, shared his award with his family in the Philippines and here in his adopted home of Saipan.

Mendiola, a Chamorro bilingual teacher at Hopwood Junior High School, is widely recognized as the expert in many aspects of the local culture, including language arts and traditional healing. He draws upon his extensive knowledge and experience to promote the use of and fluency in the Chamorro language in the classroom.

Mendiola is also a skillful weaver who uses traditional materials such as coconut and pandanus leaves to fashion beautiful and functional mats, hats, baskets, and purses.

Mendiola wasn't present during the awards presentation. Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas accepted the award on his behalf.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos praised the Humanities Council's efforts to preserve the islands' culture and way of life.

"Keep the ways of our fellow Chamorros and Carolinians alive. These efforts are of utmost important to our people and our islands as it will ensure our children and the next generation will all be able to appreciate and respect our ways and carry them on to the future," Inos said.

POKER

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has finally become law. I thank my colleagues and the governor for making sure it is done," Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Tebuteb is the author of House Local Bill 18-24, which the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed on Oct. 17 with amendment.

The bill is now Saipan Local Law 18-5.

"Businesses are given four years to move out if they're within the 200 feet but the enforcement after the four-year period is critical. There's a provision that allows extension of the deadline," Tebuteb added.

Within four years of the Oct. 25, 2013, effective date of the new local law, at the end of the last full renewal period of license from the Department of Finance prior to the deadline, affected existing poker businesses need to relocate to areas approved for adult gaming machines.

These areas include those designated as "adult business park, tourist resort, mixed commercial, Garapan core, Garapan east, or Beach Road Zoning Districts."

However, the new local law allows the Zoning Board to approve an extension of the deadline to allow businesses to recoup their investments, among other things.

A request for extension needs to be submitted in writing at least six months prior to the deadline.

'Adult business overlay zoning district'

The governor signed another Saipan zoning measure, HLB 18-25, which deletes the designation of the adult business overlay district on the sheets of the official Saipan zoning map, paving the way for further developments in these areas.

Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) bill is now Saipan Local Law 18-6.

The new law amends SLL 18-4 or the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, that designated a long swath of land on Saipan as the adult business overlay zoning district.

These cover prime real estate properties, mostly privately owned, from the middle of Garapan to central San Jose along Chalan Pale Arnold or Middle Road.

The overlay district is incompatible with numerous existing uses in the area that include residential homes, office buildings, churches, private schools and apartment complexes.

"Private landowners have expressed their concerns about the impact of the overlay district on the quality of life and their ability to attract potential buyers, long-term lessees, and even short-term tenants," the measure says.

Tinian casino act

The governor also signed Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) HLB 18-27, updating the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act's casino gambling tax to adapt to Asian-style gaming and Asian "high roller" gaming market.

Conner's local bill is now Tinian Local Law 18-5.

Under the new local law, a "premium player" means a casino patron who opens a deposit account with the casino operator with a credit balance of not less than $20,000.

The new law mandates a gambling revenue tax that is equal to 5 percent of the gross gaming revenue for the month from premium players and from gambling amusement machines used exclusively by premium players.

Conner said adopting a tax system that provides incentives for "high rollers" to come to Tinian casinos and gamble instead of going to places such as Macau or Singapore is in the best interest of Tinian people.

Pagan residents score GUASA member's remarks

Residents of Pagan Island have responded critically to comments made by GUASA member Juan Carlos Benitez at a Rotary Club of Guam meeting last week.

Earlier this year, DOD issued a notice of its intent to take control over the entire island of Pagan and turn it into a vast training complex. DOD's proposal has come under fierce protest from the people of Pagan, as well as regional and national organizations worried about the environmental destruction that would occur if DOD were allowed to bomb the island.

Aldan

"Pagan is home," said Jerome Aldan, who was born and reared on Pagan. "We have been waiting decades for a chance to return, and now we've been told that we may never go back home because DOD needs another firing range."

Benitez, a member of the military lobbyist group GUASA, called the use of Pagan Island as a combined level training range the "key lynchpin" to the proposed military buildup in Guam and the Marianas. Benitez pointed out the need for military pilots to experience firsthand a bomb hitting the earth.

"It's appalling to hear that military lobbyists on Guam are offering other people's homes to profit off construction contracts," said Aldan.

Aldan pointed out that DOD currently has control over another island in the Northern Marianas, Farallon de Medinilla. "Military war birds are presently dropping bombs and silencing native birds on Farallon de Medinilla, an island that is part of the Northern Islands archipelago just north of Saipan. DOD does not need to take my home to bomb and silence our thriving wildlife and teeming marine life too. Our islands in the Marianas are sacred. We have given up Tinian, Tanapag, and FDM already for the defense of our country. We must protect the islands that we now have for the present and future generations to enjoy and benefit from. Enough is enough."

For more information about the beauty of Pagan Island and the ongoing efforts to it, visit http://www.savepaganisland.org. This website is also linked with Sierra Club, Roots Action, and Care2 Make a Difference sites in the U.S. Other national groups and organizations are linking up as well. ***(PR)***

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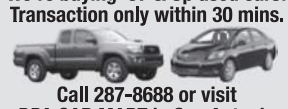
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WHILE HIS LAWSUIT REMAINS PENDING

Taisague seeks to keep receiving his pension

One of the retirees who opted out of the Fund settlement agreement has asked the federal court to temporarily bar the CNMI government and Gov. Eloy S. Inos from withholding his pension benefits and health insurance coverage, pending the resolution of his lawsuit.

Jesus I. Taisague, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, is seeking an injunction that will allow him to continue receiving his "constitutionally guaranteed retirement pension and health insurance coverage."

As one of the 16 who opted out of the settlement agreement, Taisague stopped receiving his pension starting Oct. 15, 2013.

Because of this, Taisague said he will suffer irreparable harm as he is currently under two types of medication. Taisague said he will also be delinquent in his loan payments, which will harm his reputation. He said he will also not be able to pay for food, utilities, and other living expenses.

Quichocho said his client can demonstrate a very strong likelihood of success in his lawsuit considering that the CNMI government and Inos are breaching their constitutional contract with Taisague by impairing and diminishing the accrued benefits of the CNMI Retirement Fund system and by completely failing to pay Taisague's pension and failing to provide health insurance coverage, as of Oct. 15, 2013.

Quichocho said the public suffers the same irreparable constitutional injury as Taisague when the CNMI Constitution and laws are "disregarded, ignored, and violated."

Taisague is suing Inos, the CNMI government, and the Fund in federal court for entering into a settlement agreement with Betty Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Sole witness' testimony sought in trial of suspended policeman

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General has asked the Superior Court to allow a high school senior living in Texas to testify via Skype at the trial of suspended police sergeant Elden Dela Cruz, who is facing domestic violence charges.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty said the minor is the only witness other than the victim and Dela Cruz because she saw at least part of the altercation between the couple that resulted in the filing of charges against the suspect.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho will hear the OAG's motion on Oct. 31 at 1:30pm.

Flaherty said the student will not be on Saipan on the trial date on Nov. 12, 2013, but she will be back on island for school break in the last week of November.

Flaherty said the student, the daughter of Dela Cruz's wife, is willing to testify.

Flaherty wants the court to either let the student to testify via Skype on Nov. 12 or postpone the trial to the week of Nov. 25-29.

Flaherty said the domestic dispute took place late in the evening at the family's new home, stretching from the bedroom to the living room to outside the main door.

He said part of the drawn-out dispute between Dela Cruz and his wife went unwitnessed and part was witnessed by the student.

Flaherty said others who did not witness the incident helped the student as she fled the scene, and called the police to report the matter on the child's behalf.

Flaherty said both the wife and the minor provided statements to the police and signed statements for the OAG.

Dela Cruz is facing charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

Attorney Janet King, counsel for Dela Cruz, earlier filed in court a motion to dismiss the case, saying the wife has confessed that she lied to police when she accused her husband, Dela Cruz, then officer-in-charge of DPS Internal Affairs Office, of beating her up.

Operation Homefront Support needs updated addresses

The 6th Annual CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013 kicks off today and officer-in-charge Nola Hix wants the community to send as many updated addresses as possible of CNMI enlisted servicemen and women who are stationed around the world.

"We sent around 250 packages to the CNMI enlisted last year and we hope to do the same or more this year. We are excited and look forward to the community's support as these efforts are something small but go a long way to show our military brothers and sisters we care," said Hix.

CNMI Operation Homefront Support is a volunteer-led effort that sends out care packages to local soldiers deployed worldwide. It is held once a year, usually around Thanksgiving, to help alleviate some of the stress of deployment and "give thanks to our local brothers and sisters for the many freedoms we enjoy today."

It was founded by Geri Willis, in partnership with the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, and has grown over the years with the outreach of several individuals, local businesses, and the government.

"We are excited and look forward to the community's support every year as these efforts are something small but go a long way to show our military brothers and sisters we care. To date we have sent out over 1,300 care packages during the past five years," Hix said.

Care packages consist of letters of support from school children, newspapers, magazines, postcards, T-shirts, local favorite canned foods (Spam, Vienna sausage, Diamond tuna, and Ox & Palm corned beef), local favorite snacks (Coconut Chips, Rice Crackers, Dry Mango, Chicharon, Asparagus Biscuits, BinBin Crackers), and other items that are unique to the islands.

Last year, CNMI Operation Homefront added Saipan maps, CNMI flags, and imprinted "I Love Saipan" items to the lineup.

Hix said the new items were requested specifically by local troops so they may share the CNMI's location and its delicacies with other foreign servicemen and women.

"We also hope to send local CDs with hits from our favorite local artists once more this year so they can share our island music. Over the years our local enlisted have expressed positive feedback when sharing these 'little pieces of paradise' with other enlisted personnel."

Recipients of the care packages can be on reserve or active duty. Friends or family members can send in their addresses by calling 989-CNMI (2664) or email operationhomefront@dpacguam.com.

"I'd like to thank the American Red Cross for their guidance and support, Ricky from Docomo Pacific TV for the ad, and James Nelson from Docomo Pacific for the email address and cell phone number," said Hix.

Hix said community members could also drop by her office and pick up posters/fliers for schools and offices anytime this week. The Xerox Office is located in the Family Building in Garapan across Bank of Saipan and you can contact Hix via e-mail at nola.hix@mail.com or call her at 989-NOLA (6652). ***(Mark Rabago)***

Notice to govt employees in 401(a) DC plan

Notice to government employees in the 401(a) DC plan who have submitted the In-Service Plan Distribution Forms for withdrawals due to Public Law 18-21:

- Forms submitted during the week of Oct. 14 – 18, 2013: Checks will be distributed on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013.
- Forms submitted during the week of Oct. 21 – 25, 2013: Checks will be distributed on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013.
- Forms submitted during the week of Oct. 28 – Nov. 1, 2013: Checks will be distributed on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013.
- Tinian and Rota participants who submitted forms on the dates listed above, checks will be mailed out according to the distribution dates indicated.

Checks can be picked up by the participant at the NMI Retirement Fund's front windows from 9am to 4pm. Participant must bring a valid ID. All checks not picked up on that day will be mailed out on the following business day.

Please do not contact the NMI Retirement Fund for any inquiries. Should you have any questions, contact ASC Trust Corp. at (670) 235-2724 or email tania.mesa@asctrust.com. ***(ASC Trust Corp.)***

NOTICE

TO: MATTEW A. AND RITA M. OOKA:

You are in default in your Note dated October 3, 1995, secured by a Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. The Note and the Mortgage have been assigned to Guam Savings & Loan Association, now known as BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot No 330 R 12, situated in Sinapalo II, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 871 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b)	Date and amount of Note and Mortgage:	October 3, 1995; $79,181.03
(c)	Amount due for principal:	$913.38 as of October 1, 2012
(d)	Amount due for interest:	$1,863.56 as of October 1, 2012
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	$14.83
(f)	Late charges	$100.38 as of October 1, 2012

If the principal, interest, and late charges $2,877.32, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after publication of this Notice, dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different form the creditor indicated above.

This Notice is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Señot yan Señora Ooka:

Ti un komple i kontratan debimu (Note) ni un fitma gi October 3, 1995, ni afabobot i Mortage ma asegurao i tano yan guma ni un empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. I Note yan i Mortgage ma entrega guato gi Guam Savings & Loan Association ni esta pago ma fanan BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneň (mortgaged):

Sito Numera 330 R 12, ni gaigi Sinapalo II, Rota, Islas Marianas, san kattan, ni ha konsiste un aria 871 quadrao metro, mas pat menus, mas patikulamenti discribi gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, gi Matso 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, guihi i discripsion ni ma incorporate guini ginen i infotmatson.

(b)	I kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empepeña:	October 3, 1995; $79,181.03
(c)	Kantida un debi para principat:	$913.38 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012
(d)	Kantida un debi para interes:	$1,863.56 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012
(e)	Interes kada dia:	$14.83
(f)	Kantida pot atrasao	$100.38 asta ki Octobre dia 1, 2012

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Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na notisia yan un kontra minagahet-ña pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infofotma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotmasion pot i dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai"I hao i na'an yan address i akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na Notisia para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi i dibi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera-sina bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Vicente Fujihira Santos) FCD-DI
Petitioner) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 13-0470
Vs.)
)
Felicitas Mamuyac Santos) **SUMMONS FOR**
Respondent,) **PUBLICATION**
)

TO THE ABOVE NAME REPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 501179 CK MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filling.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

2013 LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Grand prize winner beloved by staff

The grand prize winner of Saturday's 2013 Las Vegas Night is well loved by her staff, who are eagerly awaiting her return early next month.

Saipan Tribune spoke with Day Star Fish Store fishermen Mags Yunting and Dante Trasanio early Sunday morning and both said they are happy that their employer, Maria Racquel Manalo, won the top prize in the Rotary Club of Saipan's signature fundraiser at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan last weekend. It's a choice between $10,000 cash or a 2014 Toyota Yaris.

Trasanio said they found out that Manalo won after one of their customers drove to the fish store around 1am Sunday morning and told them about their employer's good fortune.

MARK RABAGO

Fishermen Mags Yunting and Dante Trasanio pose Sunday morning at the Day Star Fish Store in Oleai.

Yunting and Trasanio immediately contacted Manalo in the Philippines, where she is attending a church seminar.

"We were so happy that she won that we even jumped for joy. We couldn't even sleep last night after one of our loyal customers drove by and told us that [she] won," said Trasanio in Tagalog.

When they called, Yunting said that Manalo at first wouldn't believe them but after some thorough convincing, the 49-year-old widow finally realized it was no joke and told them that her prayers had been answered.

Yunting and Trasanio confirmed that Manalo's winning ticket was sold to her by McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu. Both said Ayuyu is one of their loyal customers and makes it a point to check their fish whenever she jogs at the Beach Road Pathway.

Yunting and Trasiano said the 7-year-old Day Star Fish Store is doing well lately. In fact, a number of restaurants around the island primarily buy their seafood from the store.

"Virtually all restaurants in Garapan buy fish from us," said Yunting.

In related news, Ayuyu said she is most likely the top ticket seller of this year's Las Vegas Night after she sold $8,000 worth of them.

The top ticket seller gets to win a roundtrip ticket to either the Rotary Club district meeting in Tokyo, Japan, or the Rotary Club international meeting in Brisbane, Australia, later this year. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ NO.: RFQ14-DPL-004

Submission/Opening Date: November 21, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"Project Management Services for the Brownfields Environmental Site Assessment Projects for the Department of Public Lands"

The complete Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after October 29, 2013 and may be picked up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio
Secretary of Public Lands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Proc. & Supply

Music, candles, and everything pink for breast cancer awareness

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Advocates and community members light candles to honor those who are battling breast cancer and those who lost the fight, at the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Pinktober Concert at Hard Rock Café in Garapan on Friday night.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

"I am alive and kicking," Violy Lapuz, 54, said as she took the stage, not only as a musician but also as someone who is battling breast cancer, during Friday night's 2013 Pinktober Concert that has become a signature annual event to help raise funds and awareness about breast cancer.

Lapuz, of the husband-and-wife Walden & Violy music duo, donated and dedicated their performances at Hard Rock Café in Garapan to those battling breast cancer.

"It was during a mammogram that I learned about my condition. I felt sad that I don't have my right breast anymore but I am also happy that my family is always there for me. I also would like to announce that I am very much alive, contrary to rumors that circulated for years that I had passed away," Lapuz later told *Saipan Tribune* after their performance.

Lapuz hopes she would also get help from the Commonwealth Cancer Association and other programs so she could continue her medical checkup and treatment.

"My advice to everyone is to live a healthy lifestyle. Watch what you eat, and eat lots of vegetables," said Lapuz, who also takes herbal supplements that she said "have been very helpful."

The Pinktober Concert, which has become one of the Commonwealth Cancer Association's popular events in the last few years, drew a huge crowd—many of them in pink dress, shirts, pants or ties, or wore a pink ribbon.

Pinktober wraps up Breast Cancer Prevention and Awareness Month celebrated in October every year.

Juan L. Babauta, CCA program director, said he's thankful for those who showed up and those who generously contributed their time and resources to raise awareness and help in any way they can for those who are living with breast cancer.

"Our vision is to have a cancer-free CNMI," Babauta told the crowd.

Babauta and CCA board vice president Lauri Ogumoro, along with emcee LJ Castro, raffled off prizes for those in attendance, in between performances by Parker Yobei, Jerry Alcantara, Saipan Southern High School's Flow Band, Sugar Rush Band, the Alfred Saures Band, Walden & Violy, and Joshua Quintanilla of Tinian, among others.

Quintanilla performed his hit rap song, *Thank you, Mom*, which he wrote for and dedicated to his mother, Rosalyn Castro Quintanilla who, along with his father Jesse, was in the crowd Friday night.

Crowds also danced to the music of some of the performances.

At 10:15pm, Babauta led the lighting of candles in honor of those who perished and those who are successfully battling breast cancer, including Anicia Tomokane, who joined Babauta on the stage for the ceremony.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Reps. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) were among the dignitaries in attendance.

Funds raised for the night of fun, live music, dances, and raffle prizes would go toward the Commonwealth Cancer Association's programs and activities.

Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

Shrimp Hatchery Supervisor
Job duties: Planning and production of at least 500,000 shrimp larvae every month. Work involves shrimp broodstock selection, maturation and conditioning, breeding and larval rearing. The supervisor is also in charge in the scheduling and delegation of work to aquaculture farmers.

Job requirements: At least 2 years experience in actual L. vannamei hatchery operations. A degree in aquaculture or related field an advantage. Willing to be on call 24 hours. Good in oral and written communication and should be literate in MS Word and Excel spreadsheets.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, November 04, 2013.

Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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RFP14-GOV-008
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide healthcare insurance for Commonwealth employees and retirees for a two-year period 1-1-14 through 12-31-15. Proposals are to include all costs for the provision of services as identified in the scope of work and provided on the forms and manner identified. Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors:

50 points – price;
50 points – demonstrated ability to provide the required healthcare services of the Commonwealth.

Award shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Submitted proposals follow the structure as identified in the proposal packet. The proposal packet can be obtained from the Office of Management & Budget - Juan Sablan Memorial Building - Capitol Hill (670-664-2375) after October 23, 2013 (ChST). A mandatory pre-proposal meeting ("Pre-proposal Meeting") will be held on November 6, 2013 at Office of Management & Budget, Capitol Hill at 9 a.m. Prospective proposers may participate telephonically in this Pre-proposal Meeting with adequate advance notice of at least 36 hours to the Office of Management & Budget (670-664-2375).

All proposals must be sealed in an envelope and marked "RFP14-GOV-008 Healthcare Insurance Proposal" and must include an original and four copies and must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2013 (ChST) to:

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base
P.O. Box 510008 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information contact the Office of Management & Budget (670-664-2375). All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply

POI Aviation invites qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree in Financial Management/Accounting with 5 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred.

Administrative Services Officer (1)
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Aircraft Maintenance Technician (4)
Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P license.

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Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P equivalent foreign license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (4)
Diploma for technical / vocational course on automotive / diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic Supervisor (1)
Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Minimum 2 years supervisory experience.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering graduate with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P license.

Lead Aircraft Service Agent (1)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning.

Lead Passenger Service Agent (3)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger service or related field of work.

Lead Ramp Agent (2)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Associates degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience. Must possess specific airline load planner certification.

Passenger Service Manager (1)
Associates degree with 8 years of progressive airline passenger service experience and 3 years in supervisory capacity.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport.

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Soroptimist Club chartered on Saipan

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From left, Jessica Castro, president - SI Marianas; Jill Arenovski, president - SI Northern Mariana Islands; Lorene Hopkins, Soroptimist District VI director; Dona Gaddis Wolf, Soroptimist Founder Region governor; Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP); Roxanne Torres, SI Northern Mariana Islands secretary; Shelly Scott, SI Northern Mariana Islands vice president; and Tania David, SI Northern Mariana Islands treasurer.

Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women, recently chartered a new club on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at the Kanoa Resort Saipan. The organization's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, or SI NMI, chartered with 18 members who represent professions including banking, retail, airlines, government sector, etc. The club was sponsored by Jessica Castro, president of Soroptimist International of the Marianas based in Guam.

Jill Arenovski was installed as the SI NMI club's first president. "These are women in our community who wish to contribute their time to helping other women," Arenovski said. "Our club has set out to enhance the status of women and girls, both locally and globally."

SI NMI charter members join Soroptimists in more than 100 countries and territories worldwide who contribute time and financial support to community-based projects that benefit women and girls.

Soroptimist's major project, the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards, provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training.

For more information about Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, contact Arenovski at (670) 287-9395 or sinorthernmarianaislands@soroptimist.net. ***(SI NMI)***

GMA questions 'legislative form' of Guam medical marijuana bill

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—This early, the Guam Medical Association is questioning a proposed bill that would authorize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The measure was introduced Friday by Sen. Tina Muna-Barnes. It is co-sponsored by Sen. Aline Yamashita.

A Friday email to GMA members from GMA executive director Pram Sullivan notes that "Senator Muna Barns and Senator Yamashita...introduced the medical marijuana bill without the input of the majority of the medical community. …One would think that a legislation to legalize a psycho-tropic substance requiring a healthcare provider's prescription would come before you for input."

In addition the email notes that the Guam Board of Medical Examiners "were not consulted" prior to the introduction of the legislation either.

The GMA email to members takes no position for or against the measure.

However it states that GMA president Dr. Tom Shieh has called for a GMA board meeting on this subject, and Dr. Shieh is seeking a GMA board resolution on the legislation. A survey will be also be issued to members to determine what their position is on the legislation.

Among the concerns raised in the email are:

■ "How will this substance be controlled if it is allowed to be grown at home and allowed open access to minors?"

■ "How will the employers do "drug" testing on individuals who may now be under the influence of marijuana?"

■ Marijuana is still illegal under federal statutes and there is no protection from prosecution by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

■ The type of marijuana is not specified, even though the active ingredient, THC, can vary by as much as 20 percent, depending upon the strain of cannabis used.

■ There is no limitation on the usage or amount, except to note an "adequate supply" defined as three months.

■ The conditions for which patients are qualified for usage is basically left up to the Department of Public Health.

■ There is no adequate provision in the bill to protect the liability of the marijuana provider or the patients.

■ The legislation has no provision for a temporary license for dispensing the marijuana

The email also refers to a meeting in San Diego last month of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The AAFP website reports that at that meeting the delegates chose to refer a resolution opposing legislative approval of smoked medical marijuana to the AAFP board.

However, they did adopt a substitute resolution supporting research into the potential therapeutic benefits of marijuana and expressing concern about the safety of smoking marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Officially, the AAFP opposes the use of marijuana, except under medical supervision and control for specific medical indications.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Halloween Scare at Garapan Street Market

The Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be hosting a Halloween Scare on Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Garapan Street Market, Fishing Base, across Kristo Rai Church, from 6pm to 9pm. There will be a costume contest, cash prizes, and giveaways. The judging for the costume contest is from 6pm to 7:30pm, while the announcement of winners will be from 7:30pm to 8pm. ***(PR)***

MHS to hold student outreach on STDs

Marianas High School will be working in collaboration with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health, HIV/STD Prevention Program to educate its students in the area of sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, including HIV. Certified counselors will be available on site to assess at-risk students and offer free and confidential HIV and STD testing. Outreach activity will be held at MHS gymnasium on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8:30am to 3pm. ***(MHS)***

Military training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ Oct. 29, from 10am to 6pm
■ Oct. 30, from 10am to 11:55pm
■ Oct. 31, from 10am to 6pm
■ Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, from 6:30pm to 9pm

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 30, from 8am to 4pm.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

Bereaved families set 2nd candle lighting rite

A local grief support group is planning their second annual Candle Lighting Remembrance Program in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends' 17th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at 6:30pm, at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe. Candles will be lit at 7pm local time, as we commemorate and honor the memory of all children, and others, gone too soon. A virtual 24-hour wave of light moves from time zone to time zone around the world. There will be a slideshow presentation, music, and readings of loved one's names. If you would like your loved one's photo, name, or other remembrance to be included in the slide show, e-mail items to jilld@pticom.com before Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013. Additional details will be announced as the date approaches. Contact Jill Derickson at jilld@pticom.com, or 287-5227. ***(PR)***

DEQ Brigade sets Tank Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Tank Beach in Kagman on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at 8 am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Tank Beach area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

Last month's Makaka Beach Cleanup was successful with 64 volunteers participating. Thanks to students from WSR Elementary, Hopwood Jr. High, Saipan Southern High, staff from CRM, and other volunteers, about 700 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

Public meetings to be held for MITT Draft EIS

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy invites the public to attend public meetings for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement. The Navy has prepared the Draft EIS/OEIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with military readiness training and testing activities conducted within the MITT Study Area. The Navy requests and welcomes public comments on the MITT Draft EIS/OEIS. Due to the U.S. federal government shutdown, the public meetings were rescheduled to the dates listed below and the comment period extended to Dec. 12, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time.

Open house public meetings

Four open house public meetings will be held to inform the public about the Navy's Proposed Action and alternatives under consideration, and to obtain comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. Each of the public meetings will include an open house information session and an opportunity to provide comments. Military representatives will be available to discuss the Proposed Action and the Draft EIS/OEIS. The public meetings will be held from 5pm to 8pm at the following locations:

- **GUAM**: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building; Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129, Mangilao, Guam 96923
- **SAIPAN**: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
- **TINIAN**: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, Tinian High School, Cafeteria, San Jose Village
- **ROTA**: Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria, Sinapalo I

Availability of Draft EIS/OEIS

The Navy is seeking public input on the Proposed Action and alternatives, and the accuracy and adequacy of the Draft EIS/OEIS. The Draft EIS/OEIS is available for public review online at www.MITT-EIS.com and at the following locations:

- **GUAM:** University of Guam, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents Room, (671) 735-2315; or at the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, (671) 475-4753
- **SAIPAN**: Joeten-Kiyu Public Library; (670) 235-7322
- **TINIAN**: Tinian Public Library; (670) 433-0504
- **ROTA**: Rota Public Library; (670) 532-9451

The Navy is accepting comments throughout the extended public comment period, from Sept. 13, 2013, to Dec. 12, 2013. All comments must be postmarked or received online by Dec. 12, 2013 (ChST), for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS. Written comments may be submitted via the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com, in person at the public meetings or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager. 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

Proposed action

The Navy proposes to continue to conduct training and testing activities, which may include the use of active sonar and explosives, primarily in established operating and military warning areas of the MITT Study Area. The Proposed Action also includes pierside sonar maintenance and testing alongside Navy piers located in Inner Apra Harbor, and land-based training activities at existing ranges and other training locations on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

The Proposed Action would ensure the Navy and other military services accomplish their mission to maintain, train and equip combat-ready military forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas. This mission is achieved in part by training and testing within the MITT Study Area.

Visit the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com to download the Draft EIS/OEIS and submit comments online. ***(PR)***

Inos seeks input, comments into proposed military activities

The U.S. Navy has recently released the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, or Draft MITT EIS. The two-volume document describes the proposed training and testing activities for the Mariana Islands Range Complex, which includes Guam, the CNMI, and the surrounding ocean. The proposed military activities may have impacts on the land and seas of the CNMI, as well as fishing, coastal zones, marine life, tourism, and other community resources.

The offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor would like the public to review the Draft MITT EIS and encourage individuals to submit their comments to the Navy.

"We would like to hear from the community about any concerns or worries they might have related to the potential environmental impacts of these new military activities proposed in the CNMI" said Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

The National Environmental Protection Act of 1969 requires federal agencies to carry out environmental studies to evaluate the potential environmental effects of proposed federal activities. NEPA provides the residents and community members of the CNMI (and any interested party) with the opportunity to comment on proposed federal activities.

The proposed MITT activities include increasing the size of the current military range of operations area to the north and west boundaries of the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex. Sea-based activities in and around the CNMI include sonar, torpedo, and missile testing. Land-based activities in the CNMI include: amphibious vehicle landing exercises at Unai Chulu, Unai Babui and Unai Dankulo beaches on Tinian,

Farallon de Medinilla from the air in 2004. Photo by Shelly Kremer.

Tinian Unai Dangkulo

training activities at the Saipan Marpi Manover Area and the Rota International Airport, and increased levels of ordinance or weapons use at Farallon De Medinilla, or FDM. FDM is home to several seabird nesting colonies, including the largest Masked Booby nesting site and one of only two nesting sites of the Great Frigate bird in the Marianas. Two endangered species (the Micronesian Megapode and Marianas Fruit Bat) are also found on FDM.

As the information in the Draft EIS explains, the Navy proposes to increase the number of small-caliber rounds used on FDM from 2,900 to 42,000; the number of missiles and rockets from 60 to 2,085; the number of grenades and mortars from 100 to 600; the number of large-caliber projectiles from 1,000 to 1,200; and the number of bombs up to 2,000 lbs in size from 2,150 to 6,241 bombs. The Draft EIS also explains that an "Mk 84" 2000-lb bomb can kill or injure wildlife and disturb vegetation across a 60-acre area.

The Draft EIS addresses potential environmental effects of these proposed activities on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Farallon de Medinilla, and the surrounding waters. These effects may include erosion of lands and subsequent sedimentation of reef systems, contamination of freshwater and marine water, air pollution, effects on fish populations, essential fish habitat and marine habitat areas of particular concern, effects of sonar and missile testing on whales and dolphins, interference with sea turtle nesting, impacts on seabird nesting colonies on FDM, changes to marine vegetation, impacts on coral reef species, impacts on federally and locally listed endangered species including the Micronesian Megapode and Marianas Fruit Bat, fishing restrictions, and limitations to accessibility to tourist sites, and impacts on cultural resources.

The Draft EIS is available for download at http://mitt-eis.com. Public meetings on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, postponed during the recent federal government shutdown, will be rescheduled by the Navy. Comments can be submitted via the website, at the public meetings, or mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Att. MITT EIS/OEIS ProjectManager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134. The comments are due Nov. 12, 2013.

Brown Booby adults. Photo by Mike Hitchcock.

For more information about the draft EIS contact the CNMI's Military Integration Management Committee in the Lt. Governor's Office at 664-2300, mimc.marianas@gmail.com; Manny Pangelinian, acting director, Division of Fish and Wildlife at 664-6002 or 6003, mmpangelinan@gmail.com; Laura T. Ogumuro, acting State Historic Preservation officer, at 664-2584/2587, lauratogumoro@gov.mp; Lainie Zarones, CRM Lead Coastal Planner, at 664-8305, lzarones@gmail.com; Becky Skeele, CRM coastal resources planner, at 664-8316, rebecca.skeele.crm@gmail.com; or Ryan Okano, DEQ ecologist, at 664-8524, ryanokano@deq.gov.mp. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Additional Information

There are six separate military projects in the CNMI that are in various stages of NEPA planning.

Name	Description	Status	Website
Mariana Islands Training and Testing EIS/OEIS (MITT)	US Navy to conduct expanded training and testing in the study area, including CNMI islands and surrounding waters	Comments on draft EIS are due Nov. 12, 2013	http://mitt-eis.com
Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS (MIRC)	Superceded by MITT EIS/OEIS	Final EIS/OEIS released May 2010	None
Divert Activities and Exercises EIS (DIVERT)	US Air Force to improve an existing airport on Saipan or Tinian	Comments on draft EIS closed July 23, 2012	http://www.pacafdivertmarianaseis.com/
Mariana Islands Range Complex Airspace EA/OEA	US Navy to redesignate of air traffic control airspace	Final EA/OEA was released June 2013	www.mircairspaceea.com
Guam and CNMI Relocation SEIS (2012 Roadmap Adjustments)	US Navy to relocate Marines to Guam. Some training in CNMI	Notice of Intent published October 2012	http://www.guambuildupeis.us
CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS (CJMT)	US Marines to conduct training on Tinian and Pagan	Scoping period closed April 2013	http://www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com/

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In Saudi Arabia, a drive for women's rights

Give women the vote and what outrageous thing happens next? In Saudi Arabia, they start demanding the keys to the car.

Thus a relative handful of brave Saudi women will slip behind the wheel Saturday for a "Day of Female Driving." Saudi Arabia is the only nation that bars women from driving. Not that there's an actual law against them doing so. But the government won't issue them licenses.

There are, however, women with licenses obtained in other countries; they will be the driving force, if you will, of the Saturday demonstration. They haven't been driving up to now because of overwhelming traditional and cultural pressure. It simply hasn't been done.

It is unknown how the government will react to Saturday's protest. King Abdullah, who in 2011 granted women the right to vote (it takes effect in time for the 2015 voting cycle) has said that he expected that women would one day drive in Saudi Arabia. Saudi authorities warned that police would be cracking down on anyone making trouble Saturday, but it was unclear whether that referred to the women drivers or the conservatives who oppose their efforts and intend to launch counter-protests.

Make no mistake, this is an act of courage, even if it's one that doesn't get women past first gear in their efforts to gain basic rights that are taken for granted almost everywhere in the developed world. People in the West tend to bemoan the face veils and body-hiding robes that most Saudi women must wear in public, but many of the goals at the top of the women's agenda are more basic.

What they want are jobs and a measure of self-determination. Their ability to work is limited, and because of rules about keeping unrelated men and women separate, they usually must work for companies that provide women-only work spaces. They wait on different lines at fast-food restaurants and must be served in separate, often less desirable, quarters in restaurants, banks and other public settings. In order to have certain medical procedures or to leave the country, they need the permission of their husbands or a male guardian.

Of all the rights denied to Saudi women, the right to drive might not be the most socially or economically important—although the ability to work in Saudi Arabia, where public transit is notoriously poor, is related to the ability to get to one's job. But there is potent symbolism in women steering their own drive toward a possibly less restrictive future.

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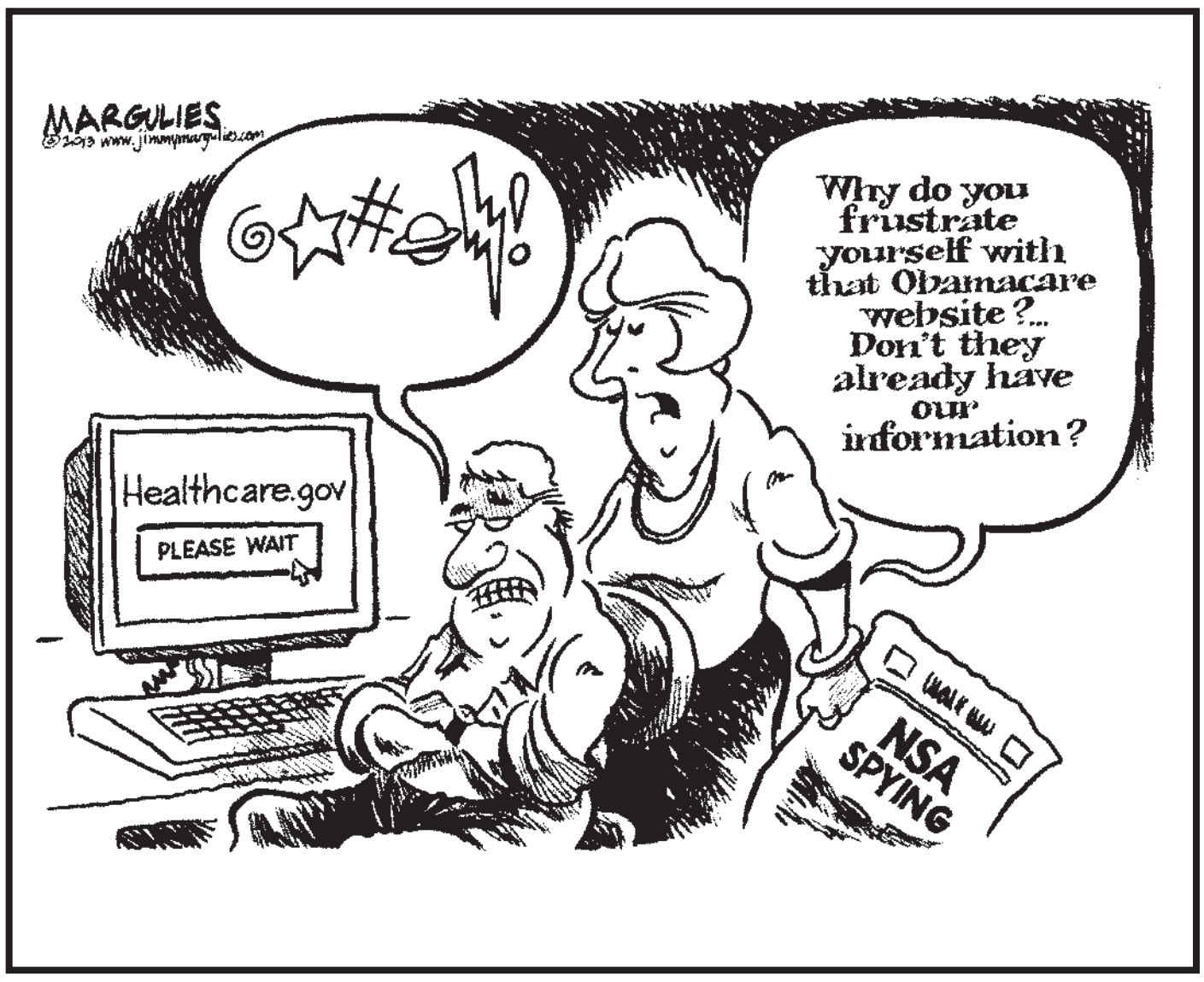

Recalibrating the poverty line

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark paper that helped delineate the federal poverty line. A huge leap forward in its day, the poverty line established credible criteria for what constituted an acceptable standard of living. It continues to be the official measure used, for example, to determine who will get what subsidies under assistance programs such as food stamps, housing assistance and Medicaid.

However, like anything half a century old, it could use a little updating. By its standards, only 15 percent of Americans fall below the poverty benchmark. Yet more than 35 percent of us hold jobs paying less than a living wage or are unemployed and trying to find a job, and another 1 in 10 receives just above a living wage. The out-of-whack poverty line carries huge repercussions for the poor, near poor and, indeed, the entire economy.

Here's the background. Mollie Orshansky, an economist and statistician with the Social Security Administration, devised the poverty line in the 1960s. She used the average family budget and the cost of food. Because the average family spent one-third of its budget on food in 1955, Orshansky set the poverty threshold at three times the minimum cost to purchase an adequate food diet. Her formula took a basic minimum (the food budget) and related it to the overall prevailing standard of living (its proportion in the total budget of the average family). She described it as an acceptable minimum social standard according to the custom of the day. It was not an absolute measure of poverty.

But that's essentially how the federal government treated it. It adjusted Orshansky's poverty line every year thereafter, accounting solely for the cost of inflation.

How out of whack is it? Food, Orshansky's key budget item, has now fallen to about one-sixth of the average family budget, no longer one-third as it was then and essentially still is in today's index. So if we were to use Orshansky's logic, the poverty threshold would require us to take the minimum food cost for an average family and multiply it times six in order to tie it to the current standard of living. For a four-person household in 2013, that comes to about $41,000, not $23,500, which is the approximate poverty line the federal government uses.

Most Americans agree with the adjusted figure. In 2007, Gallup found that $40,000 to $45,000 is the annual income Americans considered "the smallest income a family of four would need to get along in your local community." Based in part on budgets and living costs from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it in fact requires about $40,000 for a family of two adults and two children to be able to rent a minimal two-bedroom apartment and to afford $1.50 per person per meal each day, given the cost of other necessities.

It's a genuinely bare-bones budget. It takes a wage of nearly $12 an hour earned by 1 2/3 full-time workers to reach an income of $40,000 a year for a family with two adults and two children. More than 50 million workers receive less than that pay or are unemployed and trying to find work.

To be sure, there have been increases in wages over the years, but they have gone mostly to the very top. Even for the American worker right in the middle, pay has risen by barely 10 percent in real terms over the last 40 years, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Contrast that with the near tripling of pay for the top 1 percent.

Disparities of that magnitude have left tens of millions of Americans who are classified as middle income actually at or near poverty, involving an alarming cost to the entire economy.

With the average worker's productivity up by 80 percent since the 1970s but pay essentially flat, the broad American middle class can no longer buy what it produces, unless it borrows heavily. Households at the top, with far lower propensities to consume, come nowhere close to replacing the demand despite receiving the lion's share of the pay hikes. The amount of demand drained from the economy by the preponderance of low pay levels amounted to up to $1 trillion annually in the 2000s and contributed mightily to the Great Recession.

We need to recalibrate the poverty measure to make it true to Orshansky's measure.

An honest poverty line would clarify how many Americans are poor and yet ineligible for assistance that would allow them to afford the very basics that the assistance programs were intended to provide. It would show that a far higher proportion of the poor than politicians or the public are aware of are hard workers; many millions of them are already in year-round full-time jobs. And perhaps most important, the large numbers of the poor, now and in relation to the past, would help us understand the serious harm inflicted on demand in the economy, which in turn limits business and contributes significantly to the economy's sluggish growth.

Both for the sake of simple justice and to stop fooling ourselves, and causing great harm to the economy, we should celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mollie Orshansky's calculation by doing it right in 2013.

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Poof goes the middle class

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Imagine a future in which real wages for most workers decline year after year; a future in which middle-class jobs that disappeared in the Great Recession won't be coming back; a future in which young Americans either squeeze into an increasingly wealthy elite or tumble to the bottom, with fewer and fewer in what we once called the middle class.

Actually, that's a description of the present. The future looks even bleaker, according to libertarian economist Tyler Cowen.

For his new book, "Average Is Over," Cowen projected current trends out over the next 20 years. His conclusion?

"Our future will bring more wealthy people than ever before, but also more poor people," he writes. "Rather than balancing our budget with higher taxes or lower benefits, we will allow the real wages of many workers to fall—and thus we will allow the creation of a new underclass."

Remember, Cowen isn't adding or subtracting anything from what's already happening. He's merely forecasting based on current trends: middle-class American jobs being eliminated by automation and outsourcing, downward pressure on wages for all but the most skilled, growing inequality between the wealthy and everyone else, and elected officials who don't seem capable of slowing those trends, let alone stopping them.

And that's not all. Cowen foresees a future in which employers constantly measure individual workers' performance "with oppressive precision," the better to weed out underperformers quickly; a future in which retirees, their savings exhausted, move to newly built shantytowns (like "the better dwellings you might find in a Rio de Janeiro favela") in low-cost states like Texas; a future in which the new underclass, instead of rebelling against the elite, consoles itself with online entertainment and scientifically improved narcotics to make life palatable.

OK, at this point you're probably asking: What kind of monster is this guy?

Not a monster; merely an economist.

"I'm not prescribing these outcomes, I'm just predicting them," he told me recently over lunch in a Korean restaurant near Virginia's George Mason University, where he teaches. (When he's not predicting a dystopian future, he maintains a website devoted to ethnic restaurants around Washington.)

"Think of it as an unvarnished version of reality," he said. Besides, he adds, some things about the future look pretty good.

As the American economy becomes ruthlessly more efficient and more productive, he expects the economic elite to grow to as large as 15% of the population—people who will "live like millionaires," even if they aren't making a million dollars a year.

They'll include the elites of today, plus technologically adept professionals in fields from robotics to healthcare whose jobs can't be shipped overseas, plus an upper servant class of service workers to the rich. "The best yoga teacher in town is going to do very well," he said. The third-best yoga teacher, not so well.

Social mobility won't disappear; indeed, cheap online education will make it possible for the most gifted and motivated in the underclass to rise. But they'll have to be both very smart and very diligent; because of constant performance testing, there will be few second chances for those who don't get it right the first time.

But inequality will increase. And maybe that's OK, Cowen says. "I don't think we know the causal relationship between inequality and happiness," he told me. If people have decent low-cost housing, food and healthcare, they might even be happier in a middle-classless future, he speculates.

That's where most of us, including me, will object. Leave aside, for the moment, the moral question of whether an increasingly unequal society is inherently unfair. An impressive number of economists, including the liberal Robert H. Frank of Cornell, argue persuasively that inequality is also bad from a practical cost-benefit perspective—that it leads to lower economic growth, more poverty, more fragile families and, as a result, less happiness.

Even Cowen says he isn't as indifferent to the results as his predictions make him sound. If a "hyper-meritocratic" economy produces more poor people, he says, he'd support the idea of a guaranteed minimum income.

But even that wouldn't solve the underlying problem. If Cowen is right, we face a crisis over our national identity. The American dream isn't only of success for a few high achievers; it's about an economy that supports a healthy middle class and opportunity for the striving poor.

So here's a challenge for leaders and citizens on both sides. We already know that wages are falling and inequality is increasing. What do you plan to do about it?

President Obama says he'd invest in education and training, increase the minimum wage and raise taxes on the wealthy—but he's not likely to get much of that from this Congress. Republican leaders say they'd lower taxes, cut government spending and shrink the national debt—but even if those policies spurred economic growth, it's not clear that they'd keep the middle class from turning into an underclass.

New ideas, anyone?

Food stamps a victim of well-fed slashers in DC

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If you've been following the food stamp debate in Washington, you know it's about whether to cut food stamp benefits for the disadvantaged by $4 billion a year (the House proposal) or only $400 million a year (the Senate plan).

Here's what you may not know: By its pure inaction, Congress is about to impose a cut in food stamp benefits that beats both. This week, on Nov. 1, benefits will be cut by $5 billion for this fiscal year alone.

That number may be hard to grasp, but here's what it means on the ground. It means a loss of 21 meals a month for a family of four on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (the formal name for food stamps). About 47 million Americans will be affected by the coming 15 percent reduction in benefits across the board.

Sounds like a crisis needing immediate relief, doesn't it? Not to our Congress. "Congress would have to take action, and there's no pending legislation to do that," said Dorothy Rosenbaum, a SNAP expert at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Even if there were, time is obviously tight. The lawmakers came back to work only on Tuesday, having taken a long weekend to recover from their horrific workload during the, er, government shutdown. (Posturing for the TV cameras in front of the shuttered World War II Memorial takes a lot out of you, don't you know.)

The coming benefit cut is the perverse result of the fiscal stimulus legislation of 2009, followed by a couple of other stimulus measures enacted later. The 2009 stimulus measure increased monthly food stamp benefits by about $20 to $25 per month as a spur to economic recovery. For an eligible family of four, the increase of just over $80 a month raised the maximum benefit to $668, from $584.

The idea was that the increase would fade away over time, as inflation increases brought the basic benefit up to that $668 level. The original estimate was that the increase would be completely eaten away by late 2014.

But Congress accelerated the sunset. In 2010, lawmakers moved up the expiration date to April 2014 to help pay for the Education Jobs Act, which raised federal funding for school districts to keep teachers on the job. Four months later, Congress moved up the expiration further, to this Oct. 31, to pay for the reauthorization of child nutrition programs. That's known as taking away with one hand what you give with the other, and it's where things stand today.

It bears repeating that the food stamp program provides the No. 1 opportunity for members of Congress to display their hypocritical side. We've documented at length the spectacle of conservative lawmakers voting to slash benefits, which amount to $1.40 per meal per day, while collecting millions of dollars in farm subsidies for themselves.

"Boondoggle" Doug LaMalfa, the GOP congressman from California's Central Valley, is our poster child for this; 11 percent of the residents of his home Butte County are served by SNAP. Californians will lose a total of $457 million in benefits because of the cut.

But LaMalfa's not the only well-fed food stamp slasher. Rep. Stephen Fincher, R-Tenn., who like LaMalfa has appealed to biblical authority to explain why he thinks that food stamp recipients can stomach a little less food in their bellies, has collected $3.5 million in agriculture subsidies since 1995. One in five residents of his home state receive food stamps.

What's remarkable is that the food stamp slashers are usually the same people who claim Social Security is in trouble because it faces a possible cut—in 2033. (Their solution is to cut benefits now, presumably so seniors can get used to living on less.) But they're taking no action against a benefit cut scheduled to take place 10 days from now. Hey, what's the rush?

It's personal—not politics

By STEVE SPRIGGS
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

"You need to get to Sacramento now. Your son was hit by a car on his bicycle. All I know is that he is alive, that he had emergency brain surgery and that he is in intensive care."

These are words that no parent can prepare for.

It turned out that a 16-year-old driver had run a red light at 50 miles per hour. That was back in 2010 when our son Matthew was 22.

Today Matt has two metal plates in his skull and suffers from symptoms of the traumatic brain injury. His lower leg was reconstructed using donor cadaver bone and multiple titanium rods and wires to hold it all together. Five disks in his lumbar spine are severely damaged, but doctors say he is too young to have the discs surgically fused.

Matt lives with constant pain and his future will require extensive medical care and additional surgery. To date, his injuries have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am fortunate to have employer-provided health insurance that covers my wife and son at a reasonable additional cost.

My son would have been dropped from my policy when he graduated from college, but the Affordable Care Act allowed him to stay on our policy until his 26th birthday. Without it, we would be bankrupt today. Matt turns 26 in April and will be dropped from my policy.

For decades the congressional Republicans have done nothing to restrict insurance companies from insuring only healthy people. The rest of us continue to pay dearly when hospital emergency rooms provide basic health care for everyone else.

Covered California provides my son with many insurance choices that exist nowhere else. As a father, I am relieved that my son now has a way to avoid becoming a burden upon society when I am gone.

The ACA may not be perfect, but it gives us hope that our son has a shot at a future with basic health care, less pain and fewer limitations. Yet there is a vocal group of petulant Republican congressmen doing everything in their power to delay, defund and ultimately destroy what they disparagingly call "Obamacare."

These reckless ideologues have shown that they are willing to bring down our government and to crash the world's financial systems in order to keep millions of American citizens uninsured. These self-described "Christian Conservatives" offer nothing constructive (or Christian) to address the problems that have been destroying families for decades.

These regressive efforts are not for the greater good. This obsessive desire to undermine and kill the Affordable Care Act is not rational and it is not patriotic. These extremist representatives are trying to harm my family in a very direct and personal way. It is just plain immoral.

My own congressman wanted to appear reasonable, so he recently labeled tea party Republicans as "lemmings." But contrary to his words, he voted in lockstep with his radical colleagues more than 40 times to prevent my son from having a healthy future. And he is fine with shutting down the government and threatening the world's fiscal stability to prevent my son from having health insurance. He says that he is doing this for our own good.

Rep. Devin Nunes, you are wrong. Your efforts to obstruct pending laws that you do not like may be understandable in a purely political sense. But your incessant attempts to undermine a legally enacted and court-tested statute that protects my son (and millions of others) from a life of pain and poverty are unforgivable. You provide no viable alternative and seem content to let our families suffer.

This is not political to us. This is personal. This is my son's future.

Steve Spriggs of Clovis, Calif., is a professional charity fundraiser. He wrote this for the Sacramento Bee.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

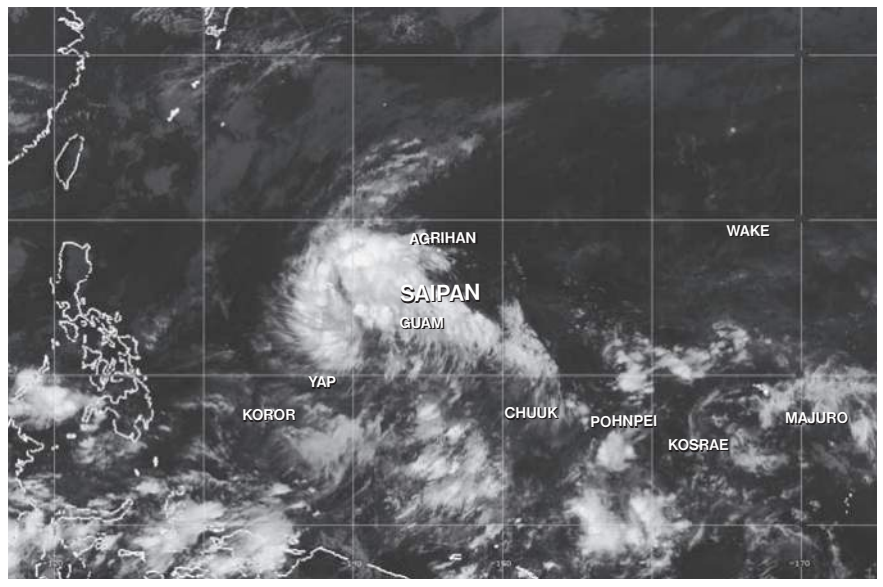
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼59
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼42
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲83	▼74
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼70
London	Sunny	▲54	▼42
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼50
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼46
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼73
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲53	▼44
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Paris	Sunny	▲56	▼40
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼56
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼58
Salem	Sunny	▲56	▼35
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼48
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼45
Tokyo	Showers	▲68	▼56
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼52

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance centered southwest of Guam at 12N140E is generating numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 19N and 11N from 137E to 144E. Similar weather is occurring over the Marianas within 90 miles of a line from 15N144E to 11N153E. Converging monsoon winds are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror south of a line from 2N130E to 2N136E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of Chuuk between 10N and the equator from 144E to 150E. Converging low-level winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Pohnpei between 6N and the equator from 155E to 160E. Similar weather is located north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 90 miles of a line from 10N158E to 12N167E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 9N and 5N from 173E to the date line.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:12 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
5:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:33 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:16 AM	1:55 PM
Wednesday	2:05 AM	2:35 PM
Thursday	2:55 AM	3:16 PM
Friday	3:47 AM	3:59 PM
Saturday	4:41 AM	4:44 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:10pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
D2101	8:30am	2:00pm	3
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:40am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Governor had hoped for better rating for judge nominee

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he was hoping the CNMI Bar Association would give a better rating for his Superior Court associate judge nominee, Teresa Kim-Tenorio, but he is nevertheless thankful that there's one less hurdle to overcome as he awaits Senate confirmation of the nominee.

» Inos awaits court action before filling Senate vacancy

"I was hoping it was 'good' and not [only] 'acceptable' [rating]," the governor told reporters.

Kim-Tenorio received ratings of between "3" and "3.81" on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "unacceptable" and 5 as being "excellent."

These were much better than the failing ratings given by the Bar Association to the governor's previous nominee to the post, attorney Ray K. Quichocho.

The judge nominee received a rating of 3 for experience; 3.63 for integrity; 3.48 for professional competence; 3.41 for judicial temperament; and 3.81 for service to the law and contribution to the effective administration of justice.

Despite his disappointment, the governor said he's glad that at least the nominee can move to the next step after receiving an evaluation from the Bar Association.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations has yet to schedule a public hearing on Kim-Tenorio's and three others' nominations.

Senate vacancy

The governor, at the same time, said he would like to wait for a Supreme Court decision on a certified question before appointing a replacement for Juan M. Ayuyu, who resigned as a member of the 18th Senate pending his court sentencing.

Ayuyu, 48, faces 33 to 41 months in prison in connection with smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and obstruction of justice.

Kim-Tenorio

The court's answer to a certified question would resolve the issue whether the governor should appoint the next vote getter among Rota senatorial candidates in the 2009 or 2012 elections.

The governor said he does not expect the court decision to drag on any longer.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, in a March 15, 2013, legal opinion, said if Ayuyu is convicted and a vacancy in the Senate exists, that vacancy will be filled by Joey Anthony Quitugua. But just the same, the governor wants a court decision on a certified question before making his own move.

Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) reiterated last week that, as chairman of the Rules and Procedures Committee, he would like the vacancy to be filled immediately.

THE JAPAN TIMES
Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, right, speaks to reporters at a news conference Saturday following a Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Tokyo.

Fukushima to host Japan-Pacific island leaders' summit in 2015

KYODO, Japan (The Japan Times)—Cabinet ministers and their Pacific counterparts decided Saturday to hold the next leaders' summit of the Pacific Islands Forum in Fukushima Prefecture in May 2015, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida announced.

The decision was made as participants from the 16-member forum discussed maritime order, resource management and new ways to cooperate in trade and investment, while taking stock of progress on pledges made at a triennial summit of the forum's chiefs in Okinawa Prefecture in May 2012.

The next leaders' summit, set for May 22, 2015, is expected to take place at Spa Resort Hawaians, a leisure complex in Iwaki. Kishida told reporters the event will be a good chance to demonstrate Tohoku's reconstruction from the 2011 quake and tsunami that flattened coastal areas of Fukushima and other northeastern prefectures.

With China's growing maritime presence in the Asia-Pacific region in mind, the participants Saturday meanwhile agreed to pursue the establishment of maritime order so any dispute can be resolved in line with international law.

"The ministers reaffirmed common values such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and committed to working together to enhance transparency, predictability and accountability throughout the region," said a summary statement issued after the meeting.

"As like-minded maritime nations, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to working together to ensure maritime security, maritime safety, sustainable fisheries management and maritime order, including peaceful settlement of disputes and issues based upon established international law," it said.

Kishida, who co-chaired the one-day meeting with Foreign Minister Phillip Muller of the Marshall Islands, also briefed his counterparts on the territorial quarrel between Japan and China over the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, and expressed hope Beijing will respond to Tokyo's call for dialogue.

He further reported on progress made by Japan in fulfilling a pledge at last year's summit to make "maximum efforts" to provide up to $500 million (¥48.7 billion) in aid to the forum members over three years.

On Sunday, the participants are scheduled to visit Matsushima, a picturesque group of islands near Sendai that was damaged by the massive tsunami of March 11, 2011, to view recovery efforts firsthand.

The Pacific Islands Forum groups Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Japan has hosted its summits six times since 1997.

Saipan native warms up to Omaha

By BRITTANY BALDWIN
THE CREIGHTONIAN

Each year, thousands of students are faced with the life-changing decision to choose and attend the college of their dreams. For some, however, that decision takes them farther away from home than ever before.

Such was the case for Arts & Sciences senior Heartim Williams. Williams is a native of the capital of the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, Saipan.

Ironically enough, Williams had never heard of nor visited the state of Nebraska before coming to school at Creighton either.

"Saipan is one of 15 small islands that make up the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, located just south of Japan," Williams said.

Like Puerto Rico, Saipan and its neighboring islands that make up the commonwealth are technically part of the United States and classified as unincorporated territories.

But despite the distance, Creighton's reputation for academics reached far enough to pique the interest of at least one Saipan islander. What attracted Williams initially to Creighton was the strong emphasis on the sciences along with the presence of a dental school.

" After figuring out that predent wasn't for me, I became interested in sports performance medicine," Williams said. "I enjoy learning about how the body works and reacts."

Now an exercise science major in the first semester of his senior year, Williams reflected positively on his decision to attend school in such a tremendously different (and colder) place.

"I would have to say that I took a huge risk choosing Creighton, but life is not enjoyable unless you are taking risks," Williams said. "I feel like I made the best out of an opportunity to do something totally different."

HONOR ROLL

Saipan Community School
Honor Roll for 1st Quarter

6th Grade

"A" Honor 3.50-3.99
Kate Ishida
Esther Park
Iris Lee
Ken Song
Park Jenny

"B" Honor 3.00-3.49
Ye Lee Cha
Rovin Bacani
Kevin Kim
Jon Paul Sablan

7th Grade

"A" Honor 3.50-3.99
Min Ju Kang
Mimi Sakano
Annabelle Sablan
Ellen Lee
Vincent Tudela

"B" Honor 3.00-3.49
Haruya Eda
Tasya Diaz
Alan Yu
Sun Je Lee
Celina Wu

8th Grade

"A" Honor 3.50-3.99
Peter Park
Paul Heo
Joo Young Kim
Harry Woo
Issac Jang
Prudencio Cabrera
Yun Pyo Jeon

"B" Honor 3.00-3.49
Judy Kim
Rachel Kim
Daniel Calvo
Tae Yeon Kim
Herald Lee
Kento Akimaru
Melani Hee

Guam senator seeks solution to federal funding cuts

In a roundtable discussion held by Guam Sen. San Nicolas and the Legislative Committee on Future Generations on Wednesday Oct. 23, with various government and non-profit youth service providers, it was determined that programs dependent on federal funding have seen a reduction in federal monies to support their programs over the last few years, in some cases up to 20 percent. San Nicolas is concerned that this trend will continue.

"The budgetary environment of the federal government appears to be on a long-term trend to reduce expenses, to include grant awards," he said. "We need to be prepared to offset the loss or reduction of federal grants with local support in order to protect and continue critical government and non-profit services to our community."

One of the programs at risk of being eliminated is Sanctuary's Transitional Living Program, which helps transition homeless youth into stable environments. The roundtable also revealed that TRIO programs that help youth attend the University of Guam, as well as programs within Child Protective Services, and Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness are all at risk of service reductions as a result of lower federal grants. Other programs throughout the Government of Guam and the non-profit community are likely facing similar funding threats.

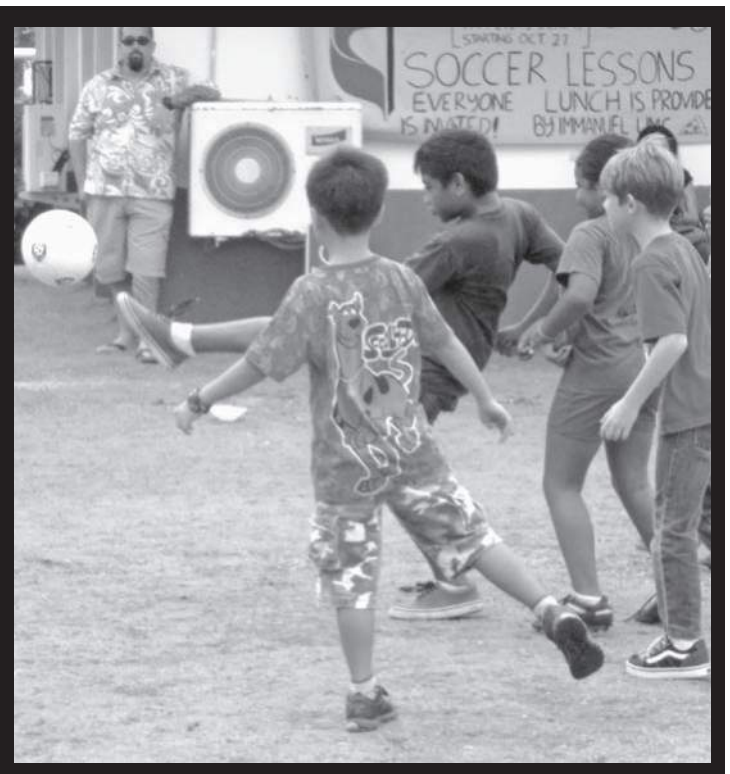
To address this issue, San Nicolas has enlisted the support of the Attorney General's Office through attorney Carol Sanchez to begin establishing non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations within government agencies that receive federal grants, in order to boost their ability to generate donation based revenue.

Additionally, San Nicolas has introduced Bill 214-32 that would require all government of Guam agencies to offer payroll deduction services to 501(c)(3) organizations for their employees so that they can donate directly to these non-profits.

"The people of Guam are extraordinarily generous, especially when it comes to causes championed by our non-profit organizations. The best response to lower federal grants is a community response where we are able to match our generosity with the causes we support. Establishing 501(c)(3) non-profit channels in our government agencies will provide a new way for community support to go directly to the agency mission they support. Additionally, facilitating the donation process through payroll deductions makes it easier for donors to directly support our local 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, track donor donations for tax filing purposes, and provide a steady stream of cash that would be consistent for the organizations to plan around," stated San Nicolas.

In addition to Bill 214-32 that will enable non-profit donations to be payroll deducted in the Government of Guam, San Nicolas hopes to further expand this payroll deduction drive to include federal employees and the private sector. ***(PR)***

Island Snapshots



SOCCER LESSONS

The Immanuel United Methodist Church in Chalan Kanoa held its first soccer lesson on Sunday, Oct. 27, as part of its Sunday school activity. Join the Immanuel UMC soccer lesson every Sunday at 9am in Chalan Kanoa. The invitation is for children ages 7 to 18. Call Sol B. Corpuz for more information at 989-0955.

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RECOVERY OPERATIONS

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Salvage and recovery operations on the vessel *Sin Ho* takes place at the Tinian Harbor on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. The vessel was one of three Chinese fishing vessels that broke their mooring on Sept. 13, 2013 due to strong winds brought by a passing storm.

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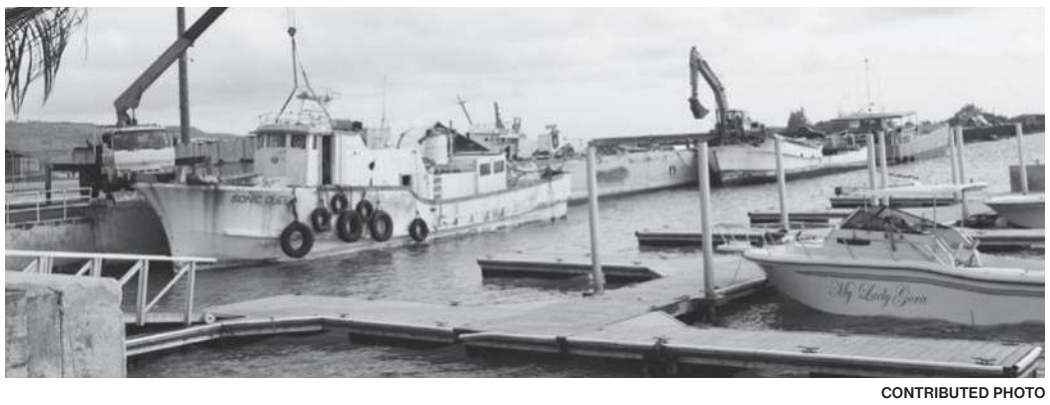
Pieces of the Chinese vessel *CM2090CF* are scooped up from the pierside of the Tinian Harbor by contractor Pacific Marine on Oct. 22, 2013. The vessel, together with *Sin Ho*, was salvaged piece by piece from the marina waters and their remains placed on the dock.



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The third Chinese ship, *Sonic Queen,* a metal vessel, remains afloat.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Mike Muna! God bless you, my boy. Greetings come from Ms. Kaipat of KHS NMI History.

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A piece of the vessel *Sin Ho* is brought to the pierside of the Tinian Harbor on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013. The recovery operation was undertaken by contractor Pacific Marine, coordinated by Captain Paul Lee.

Business

Women gain as gender gap 'narrows' worldwide

The gap between men and women has narrowed slightly in the past year in most countries, according to a World Economic Forum report.

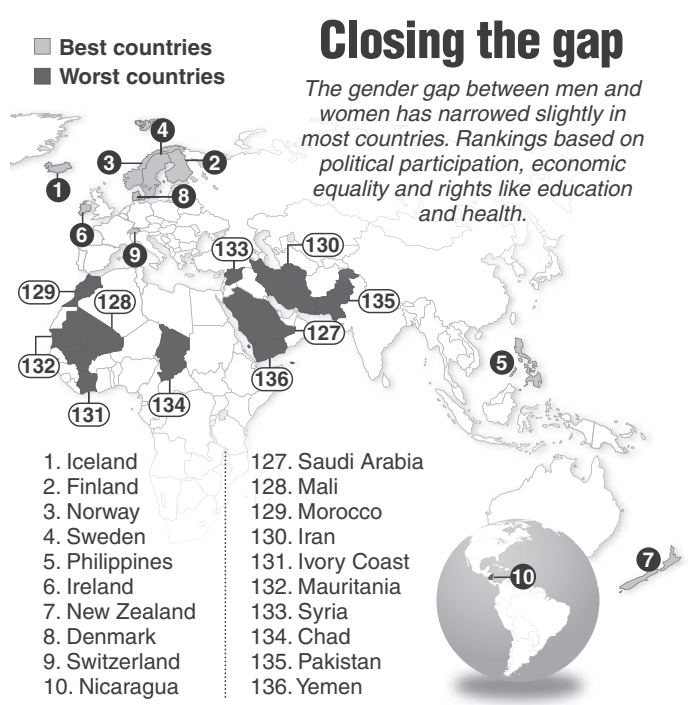
Iceland, Finland and Norway top the list of 136 nations, based on political participation, economic equality and rights like education and health.

The Middle East and North Africa were the only regions not to improve in the past year, with Yemen at the bottom.

The Philippines and Nicaragua both feature in the top 10.

The WEF has produced the report annually for the past eight years.

The release of this year's edition comes as the BBC rounds off a monthlong focus on women and gender around the world with a major event at Broadcasting House in London.



Yemen's challenge

Iceland's position at the top of the WEF rankings was the fifth year in a row the country has been named the world's most equal.

Report founder and co-author Saadia Zahidi told the BBC that since the WEF began compiling the index in 2006, 80 percent of countries had made progress.

"What's worrying though is that 20 percent of countries have made no progress or are falling behind," she said.

She singled out the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia as countries that had invested in education and health, but had not integrated women into the economy.

Nadia al-Sakkaf, editor of the English-language *Yemen Times*, in London for the 100 Women conference, told the BBC that she had stopped counting the years her country had languished at the bottom of the equality list.

"It comes down to everyday life. We had three women running for president in 2006. We have lots of women in senior positions," she said.

"But our levels of maternal mortality are very high, and 35 percent of girls aged 6-14 years old are not in school."

Human capital

Saadia Zahidi of the WEF said that by contrast many sub-Saharan countries had not invested in women, but through necessity they played a major role in the economy.

Nordic countries continued to lead the way because they had a long history of investing in people, she said.

"They are small economies with small populations; they recognize that talent matters, and that talent has to be men and women.

Overall, the report, entitled Global Gender Gap Report 2013, found Iceland to be the most advanced country in the world in terms of gender equality for the fifth year running.

Iceland, Finland (second), Norway (third) and Sweden (fourth) had all closed over 80 percent of the gender gap, where 100 percent would represent full equality.

The highest-ranked Asian nation was the Philippines (fifth), praised for its success in health, education and economic participation.

Asia's major economies performed poorly, with China in 69th place and Japan 105th.

Nicaragua in 10th place was the highest positioned country in North and South America, and was praised for a "strong performance" in terms of political empowerment.

Among major world economies Germany ranked 14th (down one), the UK held its position at 18, with Canada at 20 and the United States 23rd. ***(BBC)***

Angry outburst will soon be forgotten

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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QUESTION: When I get upset, I tend to let things fester instead of talking about them. Recently, after stewing over something trivial at work, I completely lost it and began yelling at everyone around me. After I calmed down, I felt deeply ashamed and humiliated, because I have always managed to control my temper in the past.

I immediately apologized to my co-workers and have begun looking for a counselor to help me deal with these anger issues. However, my fear is that I will never be able to redeem myself at work. I am nearing retirement age and have considered resigning, but I would hate for this to be the last memory that people have of me. What should I do?

ANSWER: Although your feelings of embarrassment are certainly understandable, resigning would be a serious overreaction. After all, you didn't embezzle funds or set the break room on fire. You simply had an unexpected temper tantrum. Assuming that you've been with this company for awhile, one regrettable incident should not seriously damage your reputation.

Your thoughts of quitting are probably triggered by a desire to escape the constant reminders of this unpleasant experience. But while you may still be obsessing about your meltdown, odds are that your colleagues have put it out of their minds. You have already apologized to them, so your challenge now is to forgive yourself.

Despite this childish outburst, you appear to be a mature individual who is highly motivated to change. With the help of a qualified counselor, you should be able to determine why you exploded over "something trivial" in the first place. Typically, an angry overreaction indicates that the person is really upset about something else.

For better relationships, both at work and at home, people who harbor resentments must learn to manage their emotions, let go of the small stuff, and address important issues with calm, productive problem-solving discussions. If this unfortunate episode drives you to acquire those skills, you may eventually view it as a significant turning point.

Q: Although I enjoy my current job, I'm ready for some new challenges. I recently learned about an internal position which sounds very interesting, but I'm not sure when to tell my manager that I'm planning to apply. What's the best time to let him know I might be leaving?

A: When applying for external jobs, it's best not to tell anyone until you have an offer in hand. But with an internal position, your boss is likely to be a required reference, so you need to inform him before you submit the application. Most managers find it extremely annoying to hear about employee departures through the grapevine.

The specific timing of this revelation depends in part upon your boss's personality. If he is a supportive manager who could help you strategize the application process, then an early conversation might be best. But if he's an insecure soul who will consider this a defection, you may want to wait until the last possible minute.

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Not happy with work? Wait until you're 50 or older

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Not happy with your job? Just wait.

A study by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 9 in 10 workers who are age 50 or older say they are very or somewhat satisfied with their job. Older workers reported satisfaction regardless of gender, race, educational level, political ideology and income level.

Consider Oscar Martinez.

If Disneyland truly is the happiest place on earth, Martinez may be one of its happiest workers.

Never mind that at 77, the chef already has done a lifetime of work. Or that he must rise around 3 a.m. each day to catch a city bus in time for breakfast crowds at Carnation Café, one of the park's restaurants. With 57 years under his apron, he is Disneyland's longest-serving employee.

"To me, when I work, I'm happy," said Martinez, who's not sure he ever wants to retire.

Though research has shown people across age groups are more likely to report job satisfaction than dissatisfaction, older workers consistently have expressed more happiness with their work than younger people have.

The AP-NORC survey found significant minorities of people reporting unwelcome comments at work about their age, being passed over for raises and promotions, and other negative incidents related to being older. But it was far more common to note the positive impact of their age.

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In this photo taken Sept. 20, 2013, Oscar Martinez, 77, center, greets diners at the Carnation Cafe at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

Six in 10 said colleagues turned to them for advice more often and more than 4 in 10 said they felt they were receiving more respect at work.

Older workers generally have already climbed the career ladder, increased their salaries and reached positions where they have greater security, so more satisfaction makes sense, says Tom Smith, director of the General Social Survey, one of the most comprehensive polls of American attitudes.

"It increases with age," said Smith, whose biannual survey is conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. "The older you are, the more of all these job-related benefits you're going to have."

Looking at the 40-year history of the GSS, the share of people saying they are very or moderately satisfied with their jobs rises steadily with each ascending age group, from just above 80 percent for those under 30 to about 92 percent for those 65 and older.

Nation

Sebelius to face tough questioning on health law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans said Sunday they intend to press Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on the Obama administration's troubled launch of healthcare.gov, the online portal to buy insurance—even as the website suffered yet another setback.

A component of the online system that has been working relatively well experienced an outage Sunday. The federal data services hub, a conduit for verifying the personal information of people applying for benefits under the law, went down in a failure that was blamed on an outside contractor, Terremark.

"Today, Terremark had a network failure that is impacting a number of their clients, including healthcare.gov," HHS spokeswoman Joanne Peters said. "Secretary Sebelius spoke with the CEO of Verizon this afternoon to discuss the situation and they committed to fixing the problem as soon as possible."

Sebelius

Jeffrey Nelson, a spokesman for Verizon Enterprise Solutions, of which Terremark is a part, said: "Our engineers have been working with HHS and other technology companies to identify and address the root cause of the issue. It will fixed as quickly as possible."

The Obama administration will face intense pressure this week to be more forthcoming about how many people have actually succeeded in enrolling for coverage in the new insurance markets. Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner is to testify during a House hearing Tuesday, followed Wednesday by Sebelius before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The officials will also be grilled on how such crippling technical problems could have gone undetected prior to the website's Oct. 1 launch.

"The incompetence in building this website is staggering," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., the second ranking Republican on the panel and an opponent of the law.

Democrats said the new system needed time to get up and running, and it could be fixed to provide millions of people with affordable insurance. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, said the system was "working in Kentucky," a state that has dealt with "some of the worst health statistics in the country. ... The only way we're going to get ourselves out of the ditch is some transformational tool," like the new health insurance system.

Blackburn said she wanted to know much has been spent on the website, how much more it will cost to fix the problems, when everything will be ready and what people should expect to see on the site. Blackburn and Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., raised questions of whether the website could guard the privacy of applicants.

"The way the system is designed it is not secure," said Rogers, who is chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

The administration sought to reassure applicants about their personal information. HHS' Peters said when consumers fill out their applications, "they can trust that the information they're providing is protected by stringent security standards and that the technology underlying the application process has been tested and is secure."

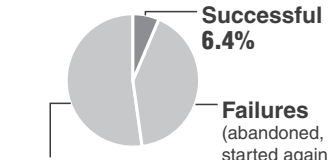
The botched rollout has led to calls on Capitol Hill for a delay of penalties for those remaining uninsured. The Obama administration has said it's willing to extend the grace period until Mar. 31, the end of open enrollment.

Website woes are common

Despite a public outcry over the bumpy rollout of the Affordable Care Act's website, Healthcare.gov, experts say snafus are common for large information technology (IT) projects.

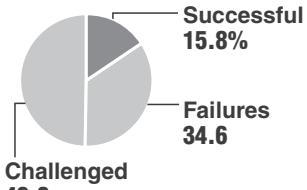
Few large projects succeed

Outcomes of 3,555 IT projects, 2003-2012, with labor costs of at least $10 million



Supervision helps

Outcomes of 234 large projects overseen by a highly skilled executive sponsor*, 2003-2012



*An executive sponsor provides financial backing, leadership, vision and problem-solving expertise on IT project teams

An early look at Affordable Care Act enrollment

Preliminary data on enrollment through some of the state-based exchanges, separate from the federal Healthcare.gov website

State	Accounts	Applied	Enrolled	As of
Calif.	**43,616**	16,131		Oct. 5
Colo.	**18,174**		**305**	Oct. 7
Conn.	**1,847**	1,847	**1,847**	Oct. 10
D.C.	**8,677**			Oct. 8
Hawaii	**1,181**	1,181		Oct. 3
Ky.	**33,329**	23,112	**10,990**	Oct 14
Md.	**25,781**	16,712	**1,121**	Oct. 10
Mass.	**6,000**	1,200		Oct. 7
Minn.	**10,000**			Oct. 11
Nev.	**21,884**	3,654		Oct. 8
N.Y.	**58,253**	58,253		Oct. 9
Ore.	**1,300**	1,300		Oct. 7
R.I.	**5,500**	1,698	**1,698**	Oct. 11
Vt.	**4,300**	700	**115**	Oct. 10
Wash.	**66,776**		**24,949**	Oct. 14
TOTAL	**306,618**	**125,788**	**41,025**	

NOTE: Figures don't total 100 percent due to rounding
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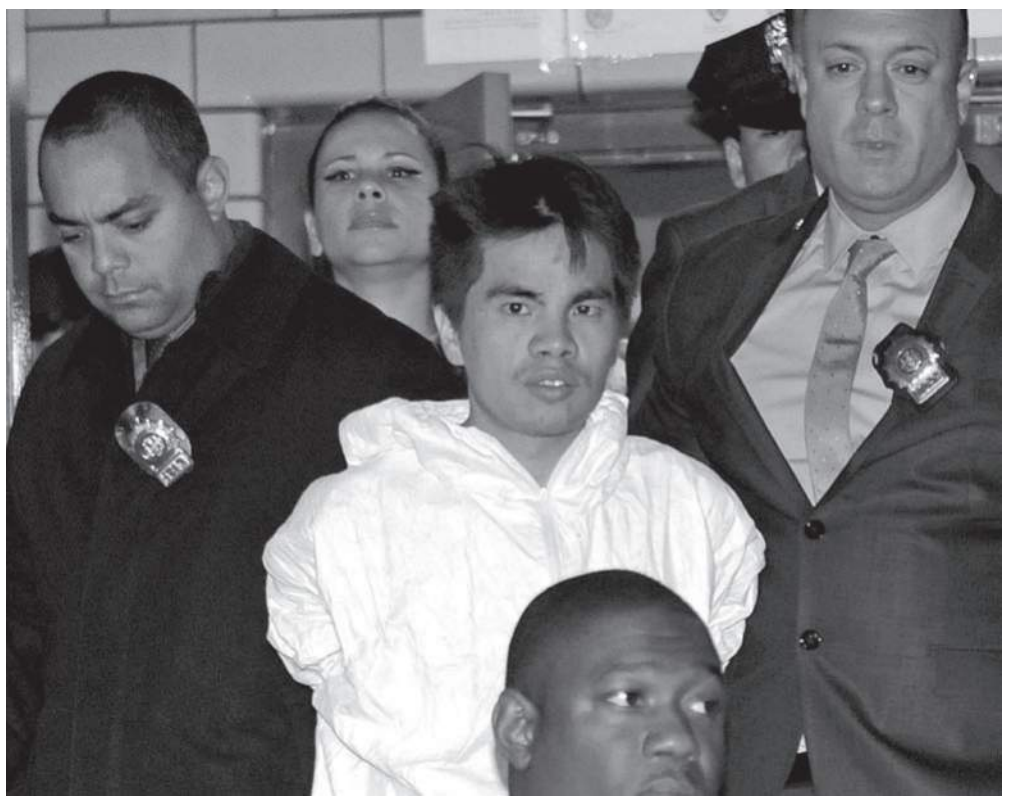
NYPD: Cousin admitted fatally stabbing mom, 4 kids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Mingdong Chen, a suspect in the murder of a five people in Brooklyn's Sunset Park neighborhood, is walked by police from the 66th precinct, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—A Chinese immigrant who neighbors said struggled to survive in America was arrested Sunday on five counts of murder in the stabbing deaths of his cousin's wife and her four children in their Brooklyn home—using a butcher knife.

The suspect, 25-year-old Mingdong Chen, implicated himself in the killings late Saturday in the Sunset Park neighborhood, police said.

"They were cut and butchered with a kitchen knife," said Chief of Department Philip Banks III.

Two girls, 9-year-old Linda Zhuo and 7-year-old Amy Zhuo, were pronounced dead at the scene, along with the youngest child, 1-year-old William Zhuo—all attacked in a back bedroom, police said. Their brother, 5-year-old Kevin Zhuo, and 37-year-old mother, Qiao Zhen Li, were taken to hospitals, where they were also pronounced dead.

Chen is a cousin of the children's father and had been staying at the home for the past week or so, Banks said.

Chen came to the United States from China in 2004, the chief said, but neighbors say he could never hold down a job.

"He made a very soft comment that since he came to this country, everybody seems to be doing better than him," the chief said. "We're not really sure what that means."

The chief said Chen still speaks only Mandarin Chinese despite being in the U.S. for almost a decade.

On Saturday night, Chen apparently had been acting in a "suspicious" way that concerned Li, Banks said. She tried to call her husband, who wasn't home, but couldn't reach him.

Banks said Li then called her mother-in-law in China, who also was unsuccessful in reaching her son. The mother-in-law reached out to her daughter in the same Brooklyn neighborhood, Banks said.

She and her husband came to the house and banged on the door. When it opened, they faced a grisly sight: a man they didn't know, covered with blood. The couple called 911, and officers investigating another matter nearby responded quickly, Banks said.

Meteorologists spy clue to heat waves weeks away

WASHINGTON (AP)—Meteorologists may have found a way to predict some killer heat waves up to three weeks in advance. Now, the best they can do is about 10 days.

An earlier warning would help cities prepare for the heat wave, arrange to open up cooling centers and check on the elderly, said Gerald Meehl, co-author of a study that describes the forecasting clue.

"It gives you a little bit of a heads up of what's coming," he said.

The key may be a certain pattern of high and low pressure spots across the globe high in the sky. When that pattern shows up, the chances double for a prolonged and intense heat wave in the eastern two-thirds of the United States, according to the study published Sunday in the journal Nature Geoscience.

This could predict some types of heat waves but not all, meteorologists said. The study's authors said they think the pattern occurred before last year's heat wave in much of the central United States, but they still need more work to confirm it.

The researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., looked at heat waves that lasted at least a week and were about 5 to 8 degrees warmer than normal. In any given summer week, the odds of a heat wave like this happening are usually only about 1 in 67 in the U.S.

They did thousands of computer simulations and discovered that when high pressure and low pressure systems line up in a specific pattern, it foreshadows heat to come in about 15 to 20 days.

Phoenix shooting leaves family, dogs, gunman dead

PHOENIX (AP)—Authorities released details Sunday from a weekend shooting attack that left four family members and two dogs dead at a central Phoenix townhouse before the gunman turned the weapon on himself.

Michael Guzzo, 56, killed his next door neighbors in a deadly confrontation Saturday that may have been touched off by loud barking, police said.

Phoenix police Sgt. Tommy Thompson said there is "some indication that perhaps that was a problem." But he added that because of the deaths, a motive may never be known.

The victims have been identified as Bruce Moore, 66; his daughter, Renee Moore, 36; her husband, who took his wife's name, Michael Moore, 42; and Renee's son, Shannon Moore, 17.

After the killings, Guzzo shot at another townhouse before returning to his unit and killing himself, police said.

Police said they found a pump shotgun, apparently the weapon used in the killings, next to his body. Thompson said there was no indication he had a violent past.

A neighbor said Guzzo usually kept to himself.

"I've seen him every morning—come in quiet every morning," Donald McKenzie told Phoenix television station KSAZ-TV. "Never would expect him to be the guy who did this at all."

Another neighbor, Barry Hatchett, told Phoenix station KNXV-TV that he was friends with Renee Moore. Hatchett said he had planned to take his dog to the Moore's home for a grooming appointment later Saturday.

Asia

Troops alert as voting begins in Philippine barangay polls

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Troops and police were on full alert Monday as Filipinos voted in village elections nationwide after 22 candidates and supporters died in the pre-poll violence that is an unsettling hallmark of Philippine politics.

Twenty-seven other people have been wounded in violence linked to pre-election rivalries, mostly in shootouts, national police spokesman Senior Superintendent Reuben Theodore Sindac said. At least 588 people have been arrested for violating an elections gun ban, with police confiscating nearly 500 firearms, 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 191 knives and 68 grenades.

Fifteen people were killed in village election violence in 2010, Sindac said.

Government troops and police have stepped up security in about 6,000 of 42,028 villages nationwide considered security hotspots due to a history of electoral violence or attacks by Muslim and communist insurgents or al-Qaida-linked militants.

"Our elections in the past have always been marred by untoward incidents," military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said, adding that government forces would guard against "spoilers to this democratic exercise."

More than 800,000 candidates are vying for chairmanships and other posts in urban and rural villages, locally called barangays—the Philippines' smallest political units, where violence and fraud are as much a concern as they are in elections for higher office.

More than 54 million Filipinos have registered to cast their votes.

In the latest violence, unidentified men opened fire on a police car carrying an elections officer and policemen Sunday, setting off a gunbattle that wounded the poll official, two policemen and a civilian in Palanas town in central Masbate province, police said.

Police arrested the son of a candidate for village chairman and 16 other supporters, some of them armed with shotguns and pistols, for allegedly threatening a rival candidate in southern South Cotabato province, police said.

AP

THRILLING ANNIVERSARY

Dancers perform to Michael Jackson's hit song "Thriller" at dawn on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at a park in Obando township, Bulacan province north of Manila, Philippines. The performance was part of simultaneous worldwide dance events to celebrate the album's 30th anniversary and an attempt for a Guinness World Record.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Police: Roadside bomb kills 18 Afghan civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A roadside bomb killed 18 civilians Sunday, mostly women and children, after it struck a small bus coming from a wedding in a lawless district of eastern Afghanistan's Ghazni province, police said. Deputy provincial police chief Col. Asadullah Ensafi said the blast occurred in the Andar district as the bus travelled from one village to another just before dusk. He said the dead include 14 women, three men and a child. Ensafi said the blast wounded five women and two were in critical condition. Ensafi said he had no other details, as the remote area was not easily accessible to security forces.

5 dead as Bangladesh opposition enforces strike

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Police and backers of Bangladesh's ruling party clashed Sunday with opposition supporters, leaving at least five people dead and scores injured in different parts of the country as opposition parties tried to enforce a three-day nationwide general strike. The strike is aimed at forcing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to quit and form a caretaker government made up of people from outside political parties to oversee an election due by early next year. The shutdown began Sunday morning and is to continue until Tuesday night.

Bomb blasts before Indian opposition rally kill 5

PATNA, India (AP)—A series of small bomb blasts killed five people and injured dozens Sunday in an east Indian city just before a massive campaign rally by the country's main opposition prime ministerial candidate in a nearby park. After the six homemade bombs went off in the Bihar state capital of Patna, panic and confusion erupted briefly among the hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the park to hear Narendra Modi of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party speak. Local reporters at the scene said authorities did not inform them of the blasts until the rally was over, and many people thought the explosions were from firecrackers or from cars misfiring.

World

Attacks kill at least 66 in Iraq

AP

Baghdad municipality workers clear debris while citizens inspect the site of a car bomb attack in the Sha'ab neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

BAGHDAD (AP)—A series of attacks including car bombings in Baghdad, an explosion at a market and a suicide assault in a northern city killed at least 66 people Sunday across Iraq, officials said, the latest in a wave of violence washing over the country.

Coordinated bombings hit Iraq multiple times each month, feeding a spike in bloodshed that has killed more than 5,000 people since April. The local branch of al-Qaida often takes responsibility for the assaults, although there was no immediate claim for Sunday's blasts.

Sunday's attacks were the deadliest single-day series of assaults since Oct. 5, when 75 people were killed in violence.

Police officers said that the bombs in the capital, placed in parked cars and detonated over a half-hour period, targeted commercial areas and parking lots, killing 42 people.

The deadliest blasts struck in the southeastern Nahrwan district, where two car bombs exploded simultaneously, killing seven and wounding 15, authorities said. Two other explosions hit the northern Shaab and southern Abu Dashir neighborhoods, each killing six people, officials said. Other blasts hit the neighborhoods of Mashtal, Baladiyat and Ur in eastern Baghdad, the southwestern Bayaa district and the northern Sab al-Bor and Hurriyah districts.

Israeli tunnel hit by cyber attack, experts say

HADERA, Israel (AP)—When Israel's military chief delivered a high-profile speech this month outlining the greatest threats his country might face in the future, he listed computer sabotage as a top concern, warning a sophisticated cyberattack could one day bring the nation to a standstill.

Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was not speaking empty words. Exactly one month before his address, a major artery in Israel's national road network in the northern city of Haifa was shut down because of a cyberattack, cybersecurity experts tell The Associated Press, knocking key operations out of commission two days in a row and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

One expert, speaking on condition of anonymity because the breach of security was a classified matter, said a Trojan horse attack targeted the security camera system in the Carmel Tunnels toll road on Sept. 8. A Trojan horse is a malicious computer program that users unknowingly install that can give hackers complete control over their systems.

The attack caused an immediate 20-minute lockdown of the roadway. The next day, the expert said, it shut down the roadway again during morning rush hour. It remained shut for eight hours, causing massive congestion.

The expert said investigators believe the attack was the work of unknown, sophisticated hackers, similar to the Anonymous hacking group that led attacks on Israeli websites in April. He said investigators determined it was not sophisticated enough to be the work of an enemy government like Iran.

Watchdog: Syria has filed chemical weapon details

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Syria has filed details of its poison gas and nerve agent program and an initial plan to destroy it to the world's chemical weapons watchdog, the organization said Sunday.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a statement that Syria completed its declaration as part of a strict and ambitious timeline that aims to eliminate the lethal stockpile by mid-2014.

The group, based in The Hague, said Syria made the declaration Thursday. The announcement provides "the basis on which plans are devised for a systematic, total and verified destruction of declared chemical weapons and production facilities," the group said.

Such declarations made to the organization are confidential. No details of Syria's program were released.

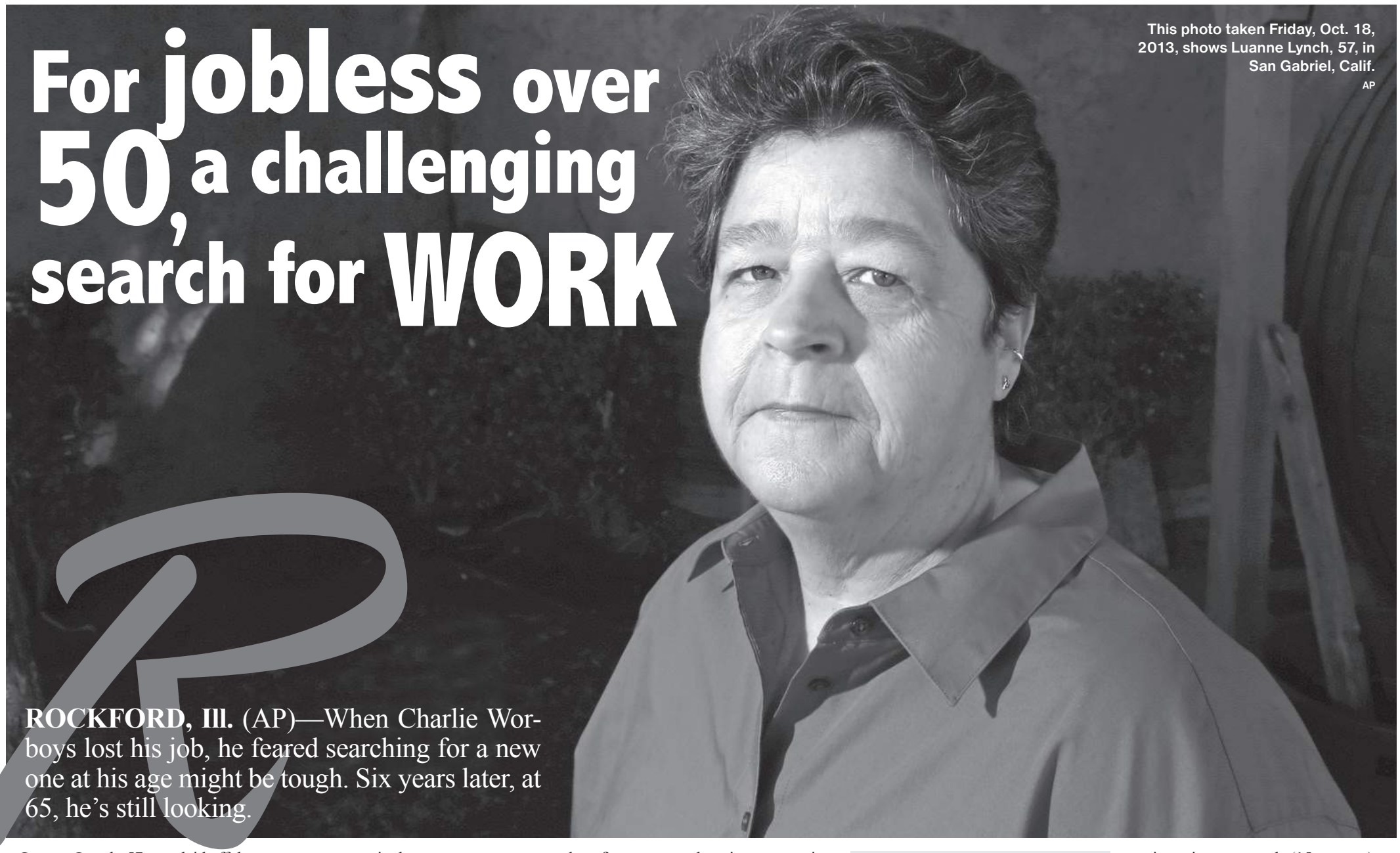
Syria already had given preliminary details to the OPCW when it declared it was joining the organization in September. The move warded off possible U.S. military strikes in the aftermath of an Aug. 21 chemical weapon attack on a Damascus suburb. Syria denies responsibility for the deadly attack.

OPCW inspectors were hastily dispatched to Syria this month and have visited most of the 23 sites Damascus declared. They also have begun overseeing destruction work to ensure that machines used to mix chemicals and fill munitions with poisons are no longer functioning.

Syria is believed to possess around 1,000 metric tons of chemical weapons, including mustard gas and sarin.

Focus

For jobless over 50, a challenging search for WORK



This photo taken Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, shows Luanne Lynch, 57, in San Gabriel, Calif.
AP

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP)—When Charlie Worboys lost his job, he feared searching for a new one at his age might be tough. Six years later, at 65, he's still looking.

Luanne Lynch, 57, was laid off three times in the past decade and previous layoffs brought jobs with a lower salary; this time she can't even get that.

They're not alone. A new Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll finds many people over 50 reporting great difficulty finding work and feeling that their age is a factor.

After Worboys was laid off and his hunt for another teaching job was fruitless, he sought counseling positions. When those leads dried up, he applied for jobs in juvenile detention centers, in sales and elsewhere. He finally settled for part-time work, all the while still scouring online listings and sending out applications each week.

"They're looking for the younger person," he said. "They look at the number 65 and they don't bother to look behind it."

The AP-NORC Center poll found 55 percent of those 50 and older who have sought a job in the past five years characterized their search as difficult, and 43 percent thought employers were concerned about their age. Further, most in the poll reported finding few available jobs (69 percent), few that paid well (63 percent) or that offered adequate benefits (53 percent). About a third were told they were overqualified.

Still, some companies are welcoming older workers, and 43 percent of job seekers surveyed found a high demand for their skills and 31 percent said there was a high demand for their experience. Once on the job, older workers were far more likely to report benefits related to their age—60 percent said colleagues had come to them for advice more often and 42 percent said they felt as if they were receiving more respect in the company.

People of all ages have been frustrated by the job market and the unemployment rate for those 55 and older was 5.3 percent in September, lower than the 7.2 percent rate among all ages. By comparison, unemployment among those 20-24 was 12.9 percent, and among those 25-54, 6.2 percent.

But long-term unemployment has been rampant among the oldest job seekers. Unemployed people aged 45 to 54 were out of work 45 weeks on average, those 55 to 64 were jobless for 57 weeks and those 65 and older average 51 weeks.

Younger workers were unemployed for shorter periods of time.

Sixty-three percent of those who searched for a job cited financial need and 19 percent said it was because they were laid off. Far smaller numbers searched because they wanted to change careers, find a better salary or benefits, escape unhappiness at a prior job or simply get out of the house.

Lynch, of San Gabriel, Calif., hated taking a step down after the earlier layoffs, but this time only one interview has come from 70-some applications.

"It's starting at the bottom," she said. "And frankly, I'm getting too old to be starting at the bottom."

Bob Gershberg, a corporate recruiter in St. Petersburg, Fla., said unemployed people, regardless of age, have had trouble getting rehired. But he said older workers have faced an added layer of skepticism from employers.

"They'll say, `Give me the young guy. Give me the up-and-comer. Someone with fire in the belly," he said. "But there's always been a bias against the unemployed. They say, `If she was so good, why'd she get cut?'"

Sharon Hulce, who runs a recruitment firm in Appleton, Wis., said she's found some employers are concerned that applicants in their late 50s or 60s may not stick around for the long haul.

And Kerry Hannon, who authored "Great Jobs for Everyone 50-plus," said managers may be leery of a lengthy resume from someone they can't afford, salary-wise.

"They'll look at your background and just figure you'll be insulted," she said.

About 4 in 10 who have been on the job market said they felt they lacked the right skills or felt too old for the available jobs. Many reported trying to improve their skillset (20 percent) or present themselves with a fresher resume or interview approach (15 percent) to make themselves more marketable.

Bret Lane, 53, of San Diego, was out of work for 22 months until finding a job over the summer through Platform to Employment, a training program. He lost count of how many jobs he had applied for—it was easily in the hundreds. Once, after seeing applications would be taken for a janitorial job paying $14 hourly, he got up at 3 a.m. to get an early start. There were already 400 others in line.

"I wasn't getting any interviews. I wasn't getting in front of any decision makers," he said. "People in our age group are very discriminated against."

One in five respondents in the AP-NORC Center poll said they personally experienced prejudice or discrimination in the job market or at work because of their age. That doubles to 40 percent among those who have sought a job in the last five years.

Faye Smith, 69, of Dallas, Ga., said she needed to find work after losing much of her savings in the downturn but felt the hesitance of employers when they saw the dates on her resume.

"You could tell when they found out the age," she said. "There's a change in the face and the demeanor of the person."

The AP-NORC Center survey was conducted Aug. 8 through Sept. 10 by NORC at the University of Chicago, with funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. It involved landline and cellphone interviews in English and Spanish with 1,024 people aged 50 and older nationwide. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

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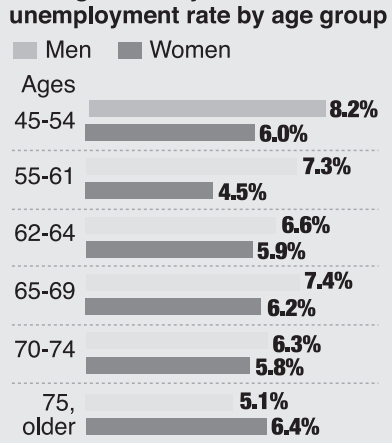
The jobless older worker

Unemployment reached record highs for those age 55 and older in 2009. Older workers also spent more time out of work than younger workers.

Average monthly unemployment rate by age group



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Overdrive

Mercedes CLA: Luxury for the rest of us

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THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

MERCEDES-BENZ/MCT

The 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA-Class is clearly modeled on the "four-door coupe" styling pioneered by the larger Mercedes-Benz CLS, but starts at just $29,900.

WASHINGTON—What if Gucci, Prada or Louis Vuitton suddenly and unexpectedly produced its own designer knockoffs, ones that sold for more than 50 percent less than the majority of their lines?

Well, if you're an automaker, say, Mercedes-Benz, then the product might be called the 2014 CLA-Class, an all-new model and market for the brand in the United States.

Stylistically, this car is clearly modeled on the "four-door coupe" styling pioneered by the larger Mercedes-Benz CLS. With its rounded greenhouse and sloping shoulders, the CLA looks like the larger CLS—if it had been left in the dryer too long. But the CLA's look is a little crisper, a bit more aggressive and every bit the head turner.

But the CLA starts at just $29,900, an astonishing $42,200 less than the CLS. In fact, it's the least expensive Mercedes-Benz you can buy for 2014; it's even $5,900 cheaper than the C-Class sedan. And when typically equipped, the new CLA should average around $35,000, about the same as a top-of-the-line Honda Accord and less than a fully loaded Ford Fusion.

By offering filet mignon at hamburger prices, Mercedes-Benz is taking a big chance with its image. Unlike in some other countries, in the United States, Mercedes-Benz is viewed as a luxury car manufacturer, rather than a maker of cars for commoners.

So, just what do you get in this modest Mercedes?

Well, for starters, you get a car that uses a front-wheel drive platform – a first for the brand in this market – adapted from the redesigned A-Class, a small hatchback that Mercedes-Benz sells in Europe and Asia.

The CLA comes in two flavors: the mild CLA 250 and the wild CLA 45 AMG. Both cars use a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission.

The base CLA 250 is rated at 208 horsepower and can attain 60 mph in 6.9 seconds. By contrast, the CLA 45 AMG is rated at an astonishing 355 horsepower – quite a lot considering the engine's size – and reaches 60 mph in 4.5 seconds.

All-wheel drive will be offered on the CLA 250 in the spring; it's standard on the CLA 45 AMG.

Given the CLA's stunning styling and remarkable price, you're probably expecting it to be fun to drive. In reality, it's a mixed bag.

It's not that the car isn't nimble—in fact, it's fairly athletic, with nicely weighted steering despite the lack of road feel. Overall handling is good and the CLA remains flat in corners. Opting for the $2,200 Sport Package, which includes 18-inch AMG five-spoke wheels, sport suspension and larger brakes, doesn't seem to significantly alter this vehicle's character, which includes a noticeable amount of road noise and a ride than can be jarring at times, thanks to a very firm suspension.

Acceleration is more than adequate in the CLA 250 despite the car's turbo lag. As you'd expect, the CLA 45 AMG's extra power makes it noticeably more fun to drive, and although very capable, it's still not quite the driver's car you'd expect.

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Mercedes CLA
Engine: Turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder
Wheelbase: 106.3 inches
Length: 182.3 inches
Weight: 3,264 pounds
Cargo space: 13.1 cubic feet
EPA rating (city/highway): 26/38 mpg
Fuel type: Premium
Base price, base model: $29,900
Base price, test model: $29,900
As tested: $36,545

But on the whole, this car is very much a welter-weight Mercedes-Benz. If you're coming from a car that's a bit more benign, this will not bother you. But if you're expecting a car with classic sports sedan character, it's not all there.

And then there's the stop/start system, added in the name of fuel efficiency. When the car comes to a stop, the engine shuts off to conserve fuel. Once you lift your foot off the brake, the car restarts. But, like similar systems from other German manufacturers, it does so with an invasive shudder. Thankfully, this annoyance can be turned off at a touch of a button.

The cabin is sporty and modern and fairly premium in appearance. The interior's ambience cleverly hides its modest cost, at least when compared to a traditional Mercedes-Benz cabin. Leather is optional, as is aluminum trim. The faux leather—"pleather," if you will—is fairly convincing. Any part of the cabin that your body touches is nicely padded.

At these prices, it's little surprise that the small luxuries one expects in a premium car are optional. So be sure your CLA has the $2,300 Premium Package which adds a Harman/Kardon sound system, iPod/MP3 interface, SiriusXM satellite radio, dual zone climate control, heated—but not cooled—front seats, garage door opener, compass and auto dimming mirrors.

The CLA's center stack is crowned by a screen that resembles a tablet. Some thought it looked like an afterthought, but its location is remarkably free of glare. And once you're accustomed to the software, Mercedes-Benz's infotainment system is fairly easy to use.

As for passenger accommodations, the front is acceptably roomy, while the rear is inhospitable for adults. Here's where fashion has extracted its price. The stylishly rounded roof diminishes head room. Even if you manage to get in without knocking your noggin, you'll find leg room is in short supply as well. And the front one-piece seat backs are annoying since the headrests are not adjustable.

And if you wear size 12s, as I do, you'll find that the CLA's footwell is cramped, with the brake pedal and accelerator placed very close to each other.

At least the trunk is huge.

Such quibbles are to be expected from a car that's considered by Mercedes-Benz to be a coupe, despite having four doors. After all, coupes extract a pound of flesh in exchange for their good looks. In this regard, the CLA is no different. It's a young take on the traditional Mercedes persona. But its sportiness comes from its look, not from its performance, unless you opt for the CLA 45 AMG. And it lacks the lush ambience founded in pricier products that wear the three-pointed star.

But to drivers who have never experienced a Mercedes-Benz, the 2014 CLA-Class allows entry into what once was an exclusive club with startling good looks and an equally attractive sticker price.

Make no mistake, with the CLA-Class, Mercedes-Benz has a hit on its hands.

But once the novelty wears off, you have to wonder if this reasonably priced car will eventually dilute the marque's premium image. When the servants drive the same brand of car as the lord and lady of the manor, it's hard to convincingly market yourself as a luxury manufacturer.

Does high-mileage Hyundai need new battery?

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I have a 2005 Hyundai Tucson with 90,000 miles on it. I've never had a problem since I purchased the vehicle, but I'm worried the battery will fail sometime soon because of its age. I'm planning to change the battery myself but I'm concerned about the computer and electronics due to the temporary loss of power during the replacement process. What should I do before and after changing the battery?

ANSWER: Just drive the car. Replacing the battery, which of course requires disconnecting the vehicle's electrical system from the original battery, will do no harm to the vehicle's electronics. You'll likely have to reset the radio station pre-sets and the engine management system will take a few miles of driving to "re-learn" your driving characteristics, but you probably will not notice anything.

Perhaps the more relevant question at this point is: Should you replace the battery now or wait until it fails? Being a founding member of the "Snug America" club and not wanting to part with any more of my hard-earned dollars than absolutely necessary, I lean toward the latter. Most batteries will develop symptoms of impending failure such as slow engine cranking speeds, giving you a heads-up that it's time for a new one. But batteries can and do fail suddenly and completely without warning.

So when I suspect a battery might be on its last legs, I carry a portable battery booster in the vehicle. Then if the battery does fail—at any time and for any reason—I can jump-start the vehicle to complete my trip.

This, by definition, is the Murphy's Law of automobiles—if you have a spare part with you, you'll probably never need to use it.

And finally, to put your mind at ease, have the original battery tested at a local parts store. A load test or electronic test will give you an idea of how much life your battery still has.

Q: I have a '93 Buick Riviera with the 3800 V-6 engine and 182,000 miles. When I start the engine, it makes a "thudding" noise four to five times. It has done this intermittently for the past three years. One mechanic told me it could be a cracked flywheel. Can you help?

A: Does this noise primarily occur on a cold start after the car's been sitting for at least several hours? Also, watch the oil pressure warning light carefully as you start the engine—do the "thuds" last precisely until the warning light goes out? If so, the noise may be due to worn main or rod bearings. Once oil pressure is up, the excess clearance is buffered by the oil film and the noise stops.

A cracked flex plate/flywheel or loose torque converter mounting bolts could cause a similar noise, but for three years without some type of failure? Other possibilities include a broken or failed engine/drivetrain mount or an engine startup misfire.

Regardless of the cause, at 20 years old and nearing 200,000 miles, I'm not sure I'd be willing to spend much on repairs. If the vehicle is still nice, keep an eye out for a used or rebuilt engine. Remember the automotive version of Murphy's Law.

Q: We have a 2008 Buick Lucerne. This fall we will be leaving the state for about seven months. Should we disconnect the battery? Will this mess up the computers? Also, should I use a trickle charger or a float charger? What's the difference?

A: I recommend disconnecting the battery—it is safer and will cause no harm, as described above—and connect a float charger or battery maintainer like Battery Tender to keep the battery safely charged while you're away.

A trickle charger continuously charges the battery at a low amperage rate, which can lead to overcharging and battery failure. A battery maintainer charges and holds the battery at its optimum voltage safely for an indefinite period.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, *is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.*

Toyota outsells GM at 7.41 million vehicles

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota's global sales for the first nine months of the year reached 7.41 million vehicles, little changed from the previous year but outpacing General Motors to keep its lead as the world's top-selling automaker.

Detroit-based GM said earlier this month that its global sales for January through September totaled 7.25 million vehicles, up 4.6 percent from a year earlier. Toyota's vehicle sales for the first three quarters inched up 0.1 percent.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Monday that it sold about 2.5 million cars, trucks and buses in the July-September quarter, led by overseas growth.

Germany's Volkswagen AG sold just over 7 million vehicles worldwide during the first nine months, making it a close third.

Volkswagen's global sales increased almost 5 percent during that period from last year.

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In this photo taken Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, a man walks between a pair of 12-foot high views of Yosemite National Park, made by David Hockney using an iPad, at an exhibit in San Francisco.

iPad art gains recognition in new Hockney exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Happily hunched over his iPad, Britain's most celebrated living artist David Hockney is pioneering in the art world again, turning his index finger into a paintbrush that he uses to swipe across a touch screen to create vibrant landscapes, colorful forests and richly layered scenes.

"It's a very new medium," said Hockney. So new, in fact, he wasn't sure what he was creating until he began printing his digital images a few years ago. "I was pretty amazed by them actually," he said, laughing. "I'm still amazed."

A new exhibit of Hockney's work, including about 150 iPad images, opened Saturday in the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, just a short trip for Silicon Valley techies who created both the hardware and software for this 21st-century reinvention of finger-painting.

The show is billed as the museum's largest ever, filling two floors of the de Young with a survey of works from 1999 to present, mostly landscapes and portraits in an array of mediums: watercolor, charcoal and even video. But on a recent preview day, it was the iPad pieces, especially the 12-foot high majestic views of Yosemite National Park that drew gasps.

Already captured by famed photographer Ansel Adams, and prominent painters such as Thomas Hill and Albert Bierstadt, Hockney's iPad images of Yosemite's rocks, rivers and trees are both comfortingly familiar and entirely new.

In one wide open vista, scrubby, bright green pines sparkle in sunlight, backed by Bridalveil Fall tumbling lightly down a cliff side; the distinct granite crest of Half Dome looms in the background. In another, a heavy mist obscures stands of giant sequoias.

"He has such command of space, atmosphere and light," said Fine Arts Museums director Colin Bailey.

Other iPad images are overlaid, so viewers can see them as they were drawn, an animated beginning-to-end chronological loop. He tackles faces and flowers, and everyday objects: a human foot, scissors, an electric plug.

Some of the iPad drawings are displayed on digital screens, others, like the Yosemite works, were printed on six large panels. Hockey's technical assistants used large inkjet prints reproduce the images he created on his IPad.

Exhibiting iPad images by a prominent artist in a significant museum gives the medium a boost, said art historians, helping digital artwork gain legitimacy in the notoriously snobby art world where computer tablet art shows are rare and prices typically lower than comparable watercolors or oils.

"I'm grateful he's doing this because it opens people's mind to the technology in a new way," said Long Island University Art Historian Maureen Nappi, although she described Hockney's iPad work as "gimmicky."

Writing about the historic shift of drawing from prehistoric cave painting to digital tablets in this month's MIT journal "Leonardo," Nappi said that while iPad work is still novel, the physicality of painting and drawing have gone on for millennia.

"These gestures are as old as humans are," she said in an interview. "Go back to cave paintings, they're using finger movements to articulate creative expressions."

Hockney, 76, started drawing on his iPhone with his thumb about five years ago, shooting his works via email to dozens of friends at a time.

"People from the village come up and tease me: `We hear you've started drawing on your telephone.' And I tell them, `Well, no, actually, it's just that occasionally I speak on my sketch pad,'" he said.

When the iPad was announced, Hockney said he had one shipped immediately to his home in London, where he splits his time with Los Angeles.

He creates his work with an app built by former Apple software engineer Steve Sprang of Mountain View, Calif., called Brushes, which along with dozens of other programs like Touch Sketch, SketchBook Mobile and Bamboo Paper are being snapped up by artists, illustrators and graphic designers.

Together, the artists are developing new finger and stylus techniques, with Hockney's vanguard work offering innovative approaches.

"David Hockney is one of the living masters of oil painting, a nearly-600-year-old technology, and thus is well positioned to have thought long and hard about the advantages of painting with a digital device like the iPad," said Binghamton University Art Historian Kevin Hatch in New York.

Hatch said a "digital turn" in the art world began about 25 years ago, as the Internet gained popularity, and he said today most artists have adapted to using a device in some way as they create art.

A similar shift happened almost 100 years ago with the dawn of photography, he said, when innovations such as the small photograph cards and the stereoscope captured the art world's imagination.

And Hatch said there are some drawbacks to the shift to tablet art.

"A certain almost magical quality of oil paint, a tactile, tangible substance, is lost when a painting becomes, at heart, a piece of code, a set of invisible 1's and 0's," he said.

Hockney, who created 78 of the almost 400 pieces in the de Young show this year, isn't giving up painting, or drawing, or video, or tablets, any time soon. When asked where he sees the world of art going, he shrugged his broad shoulders and paused.

"I don't know where it's going, really, who does?" he said. "But art will be there."

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'Bad Grandpa' sinks 'Gravity' to top box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Apparently astronauts are no match for Jackass.

Paramount's "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa" topped the weekend box office with $32 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, sinking three-week champ "Gravity" to second place.

"Bad Grandpa" stars Johnny Knoxville as an accident-prone grandfather in the hidden-camera comedy.

"Gravity," which stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts on a troubled spacecraft, has soared since its debut three weeks ago. The Warner Bros. space adventure added another $20.3 million to its haul over the weekend, bringing its domestic ticket totals to nearly $200 million.

Paramount's president of domestic distribution said it's gratifying to see "Jackass" unseat the space adventure from its top spot.

"We weren't competing with 'Gravity,'" said Don Harris. "We were not competitive in any other way than who was going to be No. 1 this weekend."

Sony's high-seas thriller "Captain Phillips," starring Tom Hanks, held on to third place with $11.8 million.

An all-star cast including Brad Pitt, Cameron Diaz, Penelope Cruz and Michael Fassbender wasn't enough to draw audiences to "The Counselor," which opened in fourth place. The gritty Fox drama is a "very challenging, provocative film," according to Chris Aronson, who heads distribution for Fox.

Another drama, Fox Searchlight's "12 Years a Slave," edged into the top 10 despite playing in only 123 theaters.

1. **"Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa,"** $32 million ($8.1 million international).
2. **"Gravity,"** $20.3 million ($36.6 million international).
3. **"Captain Phillips,"** $11.8 million ($12.1 million international).
4. **"The Counselor,"** $8 million.
5. **"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2,"** $6.1 million ($17.9 million international).
6. **"Carrie,"** $5.9 million.
7. **"Escape Plan,"** $4.3 million ($7 million international).
8. **"12 Years a Slave,"** $2.15 million.
9. **"Enough Said,"** $1.55 million.
10. **"Prisoners,"** $1.06 million ($5.1 million international).

Lou Reed, iconic punk poet, dead at 71

NEW YORK (AP)—Lou Reed was a pioneer for countless bands who didn't worry about their next hit single.

Reed, who died Sunday at age 71, radically challenged rock's founding promise of good times and public celebration. As leader of the Velvet Underground and as a solo artist, he was the father of indie rock, and an ancestor of punk, New Wave and the alternative rock movements of the 1970s, '80s and beyond. He influenced generations of musicians from David Bowie and R.E.M. to Talking Heads and Sonic Youth.

"The first Velvet Underground record sold 30,000 copies in the first five years," Brian Eno, who produced albums by Roxy Music and Talking Heads among others, once said. "I think everyone who bought one of those 30,000 copies started a band!"

Reed and the Velvet Underground opened rock music to the avant-garde—to experimental theater, art, literature and film, from William Burroughs to Kurt Weill to Andy Warhol, Reed's early patron. Raised on doo-wop and Carl Perkins, Delmore Schwartz and the Beats, Reed helped shape the punk ethos of raw power, the alternative rock ethos of irony and droning music and the art-rock embrace of experimentation, whether the dual readings of Beat-influenced verse for "Murder Mystery," or, like a passage out of Burroughs' "Naked Lunch," the orgy of guns, drugs and oral sex on the Velvet Underground's 15-minute "Sister Ray."

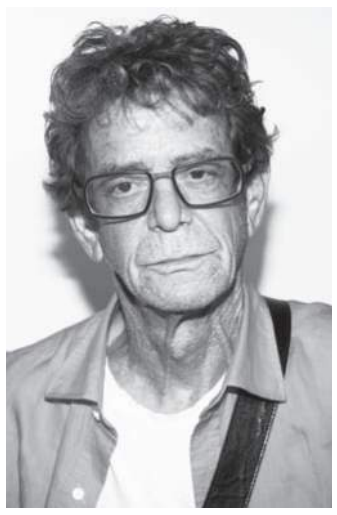
Reed died in Southampton, N.Y., of an ailment related to his recent liver transplant, according to his literary agent, Andrew Wylie, who added that Reed had been in frail health for months. Reed shared a home in Southampton with his wife and fellow musician, Laurie Anderson, whom he married in 2008. Tributes to Reed came Sunday from such friends and admirers as Salman Rushdie and former Velvet Underground bandmate John Cale, who mourned his "school-yard buddy."

His trademarks were a monotone of surprising emotional range and power; slashing, grinding guitar; and lyrics that were complex, yet conversational, designed to make you feel as if Reed were seated next to you. Known for his cold stare and gaunt features, he was a cynic and a seeker who seemed to embody downtown Manhattan culture of the 1960s and `70s and was as essential a New York artist as Martin Scorsese or Woody Allen. Reed's New York was a jaded city of drag queens, drug addicts and violence, but it was also as wondrous as any Allen comedy, with so many of Reed's songs explorations of right and wrong and quests for transcendence.

He had one top 20 hit, "Walk On the Wild Side," and many other songs that became standards among his admirers, from "Heroin" and "Sweet Jane" to "Pale Blue Eyes" and "All Tomorrow's Parties." An outlaw in his early years, Reed would eventually perform at the White House, have his writing published in The New Yorker, be featured by PBS in an "American Masters" documentary and win a Grammy in 1999 for Best Long Form Music Video. The Velvet Underground was inducted into the Rock and Roll of Fame in 1996 and their landmark debut album, "The Velvet Underground & Nico," was added to the Library of Congress' registry in 2006.

Reed called one song "Growing Up in Public" and his career was an ongoing exhibit of how any subject could be set to rock music—the death of a parent ("Standing On Ceremony), AIDS ("The Halloween Parade"), some favorite movies and plays ("Doin' the Things That We Want To"), racism ("I Want to be Black"), the electroshock therapy he received as a teen ("Kill Your Sons").

Reviewing Reed's 1989 topical album "New York," Village Voice critic Robert Christgau wrote that "the pleasure of the lyrics is mostly tone and delivery—plus the impulse they validate, their affirmation that you can write songs about this stuff. Protesting, elegizing, carping, waxing sarcastic, forcing jokes, stating facts, garbling what he just read in the Times, free-associating to doomsday, Lou carries on a New York conversation—all that's missing is a disquisition on real estate."



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In a Wednesday, July 31, 2013 file photo, Lou Reed attends the "Breaking Bad" final episodes premiere hosted by the Film Society of Lincoln Center in New York.

He was one of rock's archetypal tough guys, but he grew up middle class—an accountant's son raised on Long Island. Reed was born to be a suburban dropout. He hated school, loved rock `n' roll, fought with his parents and attacked them in song for forcing him to undergo electroshock therapy as a supposed "cure" for being bisexual. "Families that live out in the suburbs often make each other cry," he later wrote.

His real break began in college. At Syracuse University, he studied under Schwartz, whom Reed would call the first "great man" he ever encountered. He credited Schwartz with making him want to become a writer and to express himself in the most concrete language possible. Reed honored his mentor in the song "My House," recounting how he connected with the spirit of the late, mad poet through a Ouija board. "Blazing stood the proud and regal name Delmore," he sang.

Reed moved to New York City after college and traveled in the pop and art worlds, working as a house songwriter at the low-budget Pickwick Records and putting in late hours in downtown clubs. One of his Pickwick songs, the dance parody "The Ostrich," was considered commercial enough to record. Fellow studio musicians included Cale, a Welsh-born viola player, with whom Reed soon performed in such makeshift groups as the Warlocks and the Primitives.

They were joined by a friend of Reed's from Syracuse, guitarist-bassist Sterling Morrison; and by an acquaintance of Morrison's, drummer Maureen Tucker, who tapped out simple, hypnotic rhythms while playing standing up. They renamed themselves the Velvet Underground after a Michael Leigh book about the sexual subculture. By the mid-1960s, they were rehearsing at Warhol's "Factory," a meeting ground of art, music, orgies, drug parties and screen tests for films that ended up being projected onto the band while it performed, part of what Warhol called the "Floating Plastic Inevitable."

"Warhol was the great catalyst," Reed told BOMB magazine in 1998. "It all revolved around him. It all happened very much because of him. He was like a swirl, and these things would come into being: Lo and behold multimedia. There it was. No one really thought about it, it was just fun."

Before the Velvets, references to drugs and sex were often brief and indirect, if only to ensure a chance at radio and television play. In 1967, the year of the Velvets' first album, the Rolling Stones were pressured to sing the title of their latest single as "Let's Spend Some Time Together" instead of "Let's Spend the Night Together" when they were performing on "The Ed Sullivan Show." The Doors fought with Sullivan over the word "higher" from "Light My Fire."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Police: Chris Brown charged with assault in DC

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chris Brown was charged with assault after a fight broke out early Sunday near a Washington hotel, the latest problem for the Grammy Award-winning R&B singer with a snarled legal history. Brown and another man were charged with felony assault in the altercation that started just before 4:30 a.m., D.C. police spokesman Paul Metcalf said. The man who was attacked received treatment for his injuries at a local hospital and was released Sunday. Police wouldn't elaborate on his injuries but said the felony charge was based in part on the extent of the injuries. The victim's name wasn't released.

Ciara, Future announce engagement

NEW YORK (AP)—Ciara's future is Future: The R&B singer and the rapper-producer are engaged. Future surprised the Grammy-winner with a 15-carat diamond ring over the weekend, their publicist, Chris Chambers, told The Associated Press on Sunday night. She was already celebrating her 28th birthday in New York when he proposed. Future and Ciara have been dating for a year. No wedding date has been set. Future is also a producer who has collaborated with Rihanna and his future wife. He's currently on tour with Drake. Besides the recent hit "Body Party," Ciara's hits include "Goodies," "Promise" and "Like a Boy."

Wilde and Sudeikis expecting first child

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis are expecting their first child. Wilde's publicist, Joy Fehily, confirmed the news on Sunday. This will be the first child for both actors. The baby news was first reported by People.com. The couple became engaged in January. This will be the second marriage for both actors. Wilde's divorce from documentarian Tao Ruspoli was finalized in 2011. Sudeikis and "Pitch Perfect" screenwriter Kay Cannon divorced in 2010. Wilde, 29, is known for her roles on TV's "House M.D." and in films like "Tron: Legacy" and "Cowboys & Aliens." She recently appeared in Ron Howard's "Rush." Sudeikis, 38, rose to fame while starring on "Saturday Night Live."

Rogers, Bare inducted into Country Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Kenny Rogers, Bobby Bare and the late "Cowboy" Jack Clement—three men whose influence still ripples across the surface of modern music—are now members of the Country Music Hall of Fame. The three were saluted by stars Garth Brooks, Kris Kristofferson, Emmylou Harris, Barry Gibb, John Prine and others during a ceremony Sunday at the newly expanded Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Each of the three inductees had a profound effect on music in his own way, and one could argue each deserved a place among the genre's greatest names long ago.

Retailers share their advice in dealing with unruly kids

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I managed a retail store for 10 years, and I can relate to the shop owner who signed herself "Had It With Overindulged Kids" (June 28). She could turn things around by creating a designated play area and market to the children by taking any opened items and placing them there for a children's testing ground.

I had a "play table" with toys to keep them busy while their moms shopped. I put a gated area around it and a dads' bench in front of it so they could watch the children.

They are your customers. So cater to them and be thankful the parents shop in your store. Learn the children's names and suggest new age-appropriate products. If you don't have the time, hire someone who loves children and has the patience to play with them in a controlled environment.

JOYCE FROM MICHIGAN

DEAR JOYCE: Thank you for the helpful advice. Customers and retailers alike shared their experiences. Many of them questioned whether the children always misbehaved this badly in public and blamed their behavior on today's parenting skills —or lack thereof. Here's a sampling:

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DEAR ABBY: I shopped at a local store for years, but gave up when the place seemed overrun by unruly children and distracted parents. Out of desperation, I took a job there and vowed to find a way to make the parents rein in their youngsters.

One: I posted a sign that read, "IF YOU BREAK IT, YOU BOUGHT IT." If they refused, I didn't push the issue, but I did gesture upward. They would always look up, and when they did, I'd thank them for smiling at our cameras.

Two: Any child found unaccompanied would be escorted to our customer service area and the parents paged repeatedly until they showed up.

Since I instituted these policies, the condition of the store has improved, the morale of the employees has improved, sales have risen, and old customers who left due to the old circumstances are returning.

SURVIVOR OF RETAIL HELL

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DEAR ABBY: I was in a shop where a sign behind the counter read: "Unattended Children Will Be Sold!" It was enough to get most parents' (and kids') attention while eliciting smiles at the same time.

NONNA OF FIVE

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DEAR ABBY: You mentioned posting a sign at the cash register. No, Abby, it should be at the entrance, so parents see it at the time they walk in.

Or how about a different sign: "Well-Behaved Children Will Win a Prize," then rewarding such children with a small gift? It would be worth the expense of small tokens of appreciation compared to the cost of broken merchandise.

I sympathize with "Had It." Parents often take kids on outings, believing they're spending quality time with them. But I see parents ignore their children and spend their time on electronic gadgets, leaving the unsupervised youngsters to run amok. Too bad for the children.

GLORIA IN LAFAYETTE, CALIF.

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DEAR ABBY: I like the sign a friend of mine put up in her store: "Unattended children will be given espresso and a puppy and returned to their parents."

MARJORY IN BLOWING ROCK, N.C.

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DEAR ABBY: I owned a small business with designated play areas for many years. One mom came in repeatedly with her two small sons, who were completely unruly and disruptive. I spoke to her several times, but I was wasting my breath. Here's how I solved the problem:

When Mom checked out, I added the items the terrible twosome destroyed to her bill. When I told her how much she owed, she insisted it must be a mistake. I said, "No mistake; these items belong to your kids." She paid the bill and remained a customer, but the kids were never with her again.

HAD ENOUGH, GAINESVILLE, FLA.

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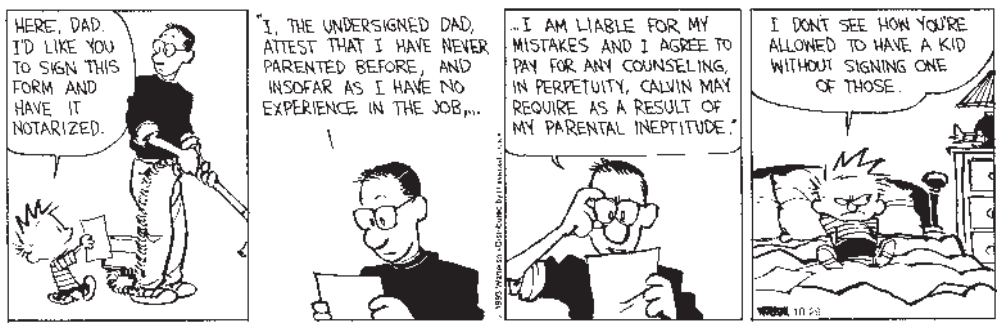
Pastimes

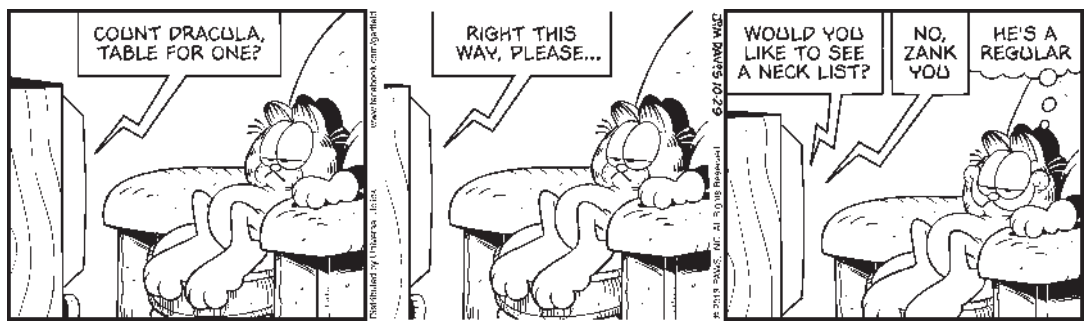
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HERE, DAD. I'D LIKE YOU TO SIGN THIS FORM AND HAVE IT NOTARIZED.
"I, THE UNDERSIGNED DAD, ATTEST THAT I HAVE NEVER PARENTED BEFORE, AND INSOFAR AS I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN THE JOB,...
...I AM LIABLE FOR MY MISTAKES AND I AGREE TO PAY FOR ANY COUNSELING, IN PERPETUITY, CALVIN MAY REQUIRE AS A RESULT OF MY PARENTAL INEPTITUDE."
I DON'T SEE HOW YOU'RE ALLOWED TO HAVE A KID WITHOUT SIGNING ONE OF THOSE.

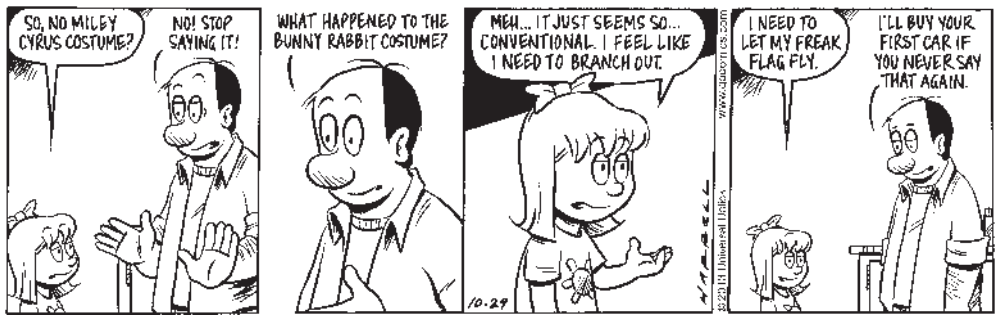
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


SO, NO MILEY CYRUS COSTUME?
NO! STOP SAYING IT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BUNNY RABBIT COSTUME?
MEH... IT JUST SEEMS SO... CONVENTIONAL. I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO BRANCH OUT.
I NEED TO LET MY FREAK FLAG FLY.
I'LL BUY YOUR FIRST CAR IF YOU NEVER SAY THAT AGAIN.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Isn't well
5 What to "fill 'er up" with
8 Docile
12 Thought
13 Flightless bird
14 Warmth
15 Nomadic, in a sense
17 Campus mil. grp.
18 Tibetan animal
19 Column base
21 Frightening
24 Close up tightly
25 Therefore
26 Unconcerned with consequences
30 Charged bit
31 Paratrooper's need
32 Japanese pond fish
33 Cruel
35 Penny
36 Ins and —
37 Sheriff's star
38 Hi-fi setup
41 Everything
42 Persia, now
43 Fidgety
48 Entice
49 German pronoun
50 Popular cookie
51 Superman's alter ego
52 Coquettish
53 Ceraceous

DOWN
1 Atmosphere
2 Altar affirmative
3 Zodiac beast
4 Devotees of Dionysus
5 Nerd's kin
6 Mornings (Abbr.)
7 31-Down sextet
8 Enjoyment, and then some
9 Many millennia
10 Quarterback Hasselbeck
11 Make an impression
16 Put down
20 Michigan, for one
21 Use a swizzle stick
22 — En-lai
23 Family member
24 "The Cat in the Hat" author
26 Orator's skill
27 Stretched (out)
28 Melody
29 Location
31 Logic-based board game
34 Nasty insect
35 Immature
37 Luncheonette order, for short
38 Stocking material
39 Verifiable
40 Deserve
41 Wan
44 Author Umberto
45 Historic time
46 Gender
47 High-protein bean

Solution time: 21 mins.

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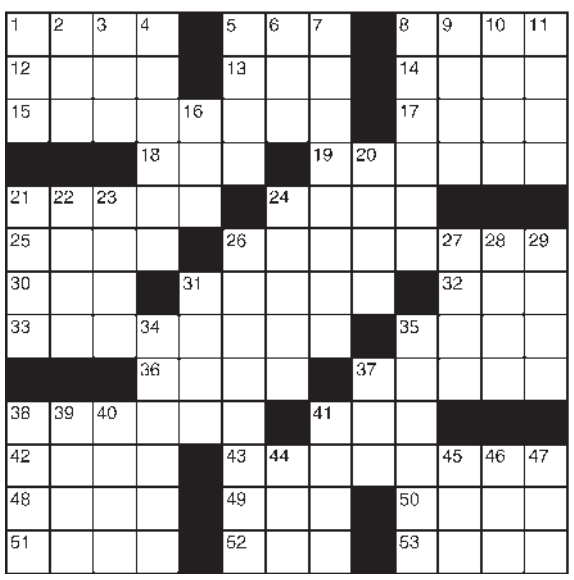
Yesterday's answer 10-29



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ben Foster, 33; Gabrielle Union, 41; Winona Ryder, 42; Richard Dreyfuss, 66.

Happy Birthday: Detail, dedication and finishing what you start will take you to a place that allows you to expand your interests and incorporate what you learn into future goals. Expanding your outlook and looking for obscure solutions to situations that arise will help you stand out and win the confidence of those you deal with. Strive for perfection and for setting a high standard. Your numbers are 6, 11, 18, 23, 32, 45, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Size up what is possible and what isn't. You may feel restless and in need of change, but simple moves will ensure that you aren't stuck with something you don't want. Love is on the horizon, but patience will be required. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Learn from the company you keep. Engage in talks and new adventures that will take you into unfamiliar territory. Take a serious look at your past and make a commitment or promise to someone special. A partnership will enhance your life. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Handle work in a timely fashion. Don't let an emotional incident cost you. Keep your temper in check and your ideas flowing. A relationship will take an interesting turn if you are honest about the way you feel. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Enjoy your friends, relatives and the pleasures that life brings you. Look for information that will help you understand your roots and guide you in a direction that helps you use your skills fluently and to the benefit of others. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't say too much if you want to avoid trouble. You will be criticized if you try to flex your muscles. Adapt to whatever comes your way and make it work for you without getting wrapped up in the melodrama. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take charge and follow through with your plans. Engage in intimate conversations and listen to the complaints your colleagues and clients make. Your thoughtful actions will put you in a category that allows you to call the shots. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Show more interest in what others are doing and adapt something you used to be good at into your everyday routine. Doubling up on what you can do may be tiresome, but it will also bring you added benefits. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Give whatever job you do your very best. Pay close attention to detail and make whatever adjustments are necessary to finish what you start. An alternative lifestyle will suit you best and encourage you to develop your own brand or service. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Focus on home, family and making the right moves that will keep you out of trouble and everyone happy. Don't let an emotional matter escalate or you will face disillusionment and uncertainty. Stick to the truth and keep life simple. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Exercise your right to follow your dreams. Take the unusual route and you will not be disappointed. A positive change in your finances can be expected. Perfectionism plus hard work will result in a chance to enrich your life. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't trust anyone with your secrets. You are best to size up your situation and do what you can to help others, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness. Don't let restlessness cost you. Think before you make a move. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Emotions will surface. Don't give in to anyone putting demands on you. It's never too late to change your mind and opt for something less complicated. Follow the path that best suits your current situation. Money is headed in your direction. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are dynamic, inventive and complex. You are innovative and loyal.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	3	9		8		7	4	
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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	5	8	7	2	1	6	4	9
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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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- At least two to three years experience
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- Must be flexible with time schedule

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Gomes, Red Sox beat Cards to even series

ST. LOUIS (AP)—There's no telling how these wacky World Series games will end.

One night after a rare obstruction call, Jonny Gomes hit a decisive homer when he wasn't even in the original lineup and Koji Uehara picked off a rookie at first base for the final out.

An entertaining, even goofy World Series is tied at two games apiece following Boston's 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday night, which ensured the title will be decided back at Fenway Park.

"What's going on inside here is pretty special, magical," Gomes said.

Inserted into the lineup about 75 minutes before gametime, Gomes hit a tiebreaking, three-run shot off reliever Seth Maness in the sixth inning.

Felix Doubront and surprise reliever John Lackey, both starters during the regular season, picked up for a gritty Clay Buchholz to help the Red Sox hang on.

And of course, another bizarre ending: Uehara picked off pinch-runner Kolten Wong - with postseason star Carlos Beltran standing at the plate.

Of the 1,404 postseason games in major league history, the last two are the only ones to end on an obstruction call and a pickoff, according to STATS.

"It was the first time for me to end a game like that as far as I can remember," Uehara said through a translator.

Game 5 is Monday night at Busch Stadium, with Boston left-hander Jon Lester facing Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright in a rematch of the opener, won 8-1 by the Red Sox.

Gomes helped Boston get started in the fifth when he followed David Ortiz's leadoff double with a 10-pitch walk that tired starter Lance Lynn, who had faced the minimum 12 batters through the first four innings.

Stephen Drew's sacrifice fly tied the score 1-all, erasing a deficit created when center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury's third-inning error advanced Matt Carpenter into scoring position for Beltran's RBI single.

Ortiz, 8 for 11 (.727) in the Series after a three-hit night, was Boston's leader, smacking his hands together and screaming at teammates to get going when he pulled into second base on his double. Then, after the fifth inning, he huddled the Red Sox for a pep talk in the dugout.

"Let's loosen up and let's try to play baseball the way we normally do," Ortiz remembered telling them. "I know we are a better team than what we had shown. Sometimes you get to this stage and you try to overdo things, and it doesn't work that way."

Message heard.

"It was like 24 kindergartners looking up at their teacher," Gomes said, "He got everyone's attention, and we looked him right in the eyes. That message was pretty powerful."

Not long after, Gomes' drive put Boston ahead 4-1 in the sixth.

With adrenaline taking over, Gomes spiked an arm through the air as he rounded first base, yelled and banged his chest with his right fist twice. Teammates tugged on Gomes' beard for good luck when he got back to the dugout, including a two-handed pull by Mike Napoli.

Not exactly what Gomes expected when he arrived at the ballpark.

While talk of umpires' calls dominated discussion following two of the opening three games, this one turned on a manager's pregame decision.

John Farrell's original Red Sox lineup didn't include Gomes, but Victorino's back had been bothering him since Saturday, so Daniel Nava was moved from left field to right and from fifth to second in the batting order. Gomes was inserted into the No. 5 hole behind Ortiz.

"During batting practice, when I met with Shane today, he said, `Yeah, put me in there. I'll find a way to get ready to start the game,'" Farrell said. "As we went through the other work, it became obvious he wasn't capable. And you know what? It turns out that his replacement is the difference in this one tonight."

Gomes had been 0 for 9 in the Series before the home run, and Red Sox outfielders had been 4 for 40 with no RBIs. Following Dustin Pedroia's two-out single and a four-pitch walk to Ortiz by Lynn, Maness threw five straight sinkers to Gomes, who sent the last one into the Red Sox bullpen in left as Matt Holliday kept running back only to run out of room.

"It was right down the middle," Maness said. "That's baseball, it happens."

Carpenter singled in a run in the seventh off Craig Breslow after pinch-hitter Shane Robinson doubled with two outs against Doubront on a ball that skidded away from Gomes. Junichi Tazawa came in and got Holliday to hit an inning-ending grounder to second, a night after allowing a tiebreaking, two-run double to Holliday.

Doubront got the win with 2 2-3 innings of one-hit relief. Lackey, the Game 2 loser and Boston's probable Game 6 starter, pitched the eighth for his first relief appearance in nine years, overcoming a two-base throwing error by third baseman Xander Bogaerts - Boston's seventh error of the Series - and a wild pitch.

With a runner on third, Lackey got Jon Jay to pop up and David Freese to ground out.

Uehara, Boston's sixth pitcher, got three outs for his sixth save this postseason, completing a six-hitter.

Lynn was the hard-luck loser, leaving with the score tied and two on for Maness, who allowed Gomes' homer on his fifth pitch.

It was a special anniversary for both teams. Exactly nine years earlier, the Red Sox completed a four-game sweep of the Cardinals across the street at old Busch Stadium for their first championship since 1918. And two years earlier, Freese hit a tying, two-run, two-out triple in the ninth against Texas and a winning homer in the 11th to force a Game 7, which St. Louis won the following night.

Buchholz, in his first appearance since the AL championship series finale on Oct. 19, fought through shoulder issues and his velocity topped out at 90 mph. He lasted a season-low four innings and 66 pitches before he was lifted for a pinch-hitter, but he allowed just an unearned run and three hits.

"We have guys with heart. Clay, he brought everything he's got," Ortiz said. "I have never seen Clay throwing an 88 mph fastball."

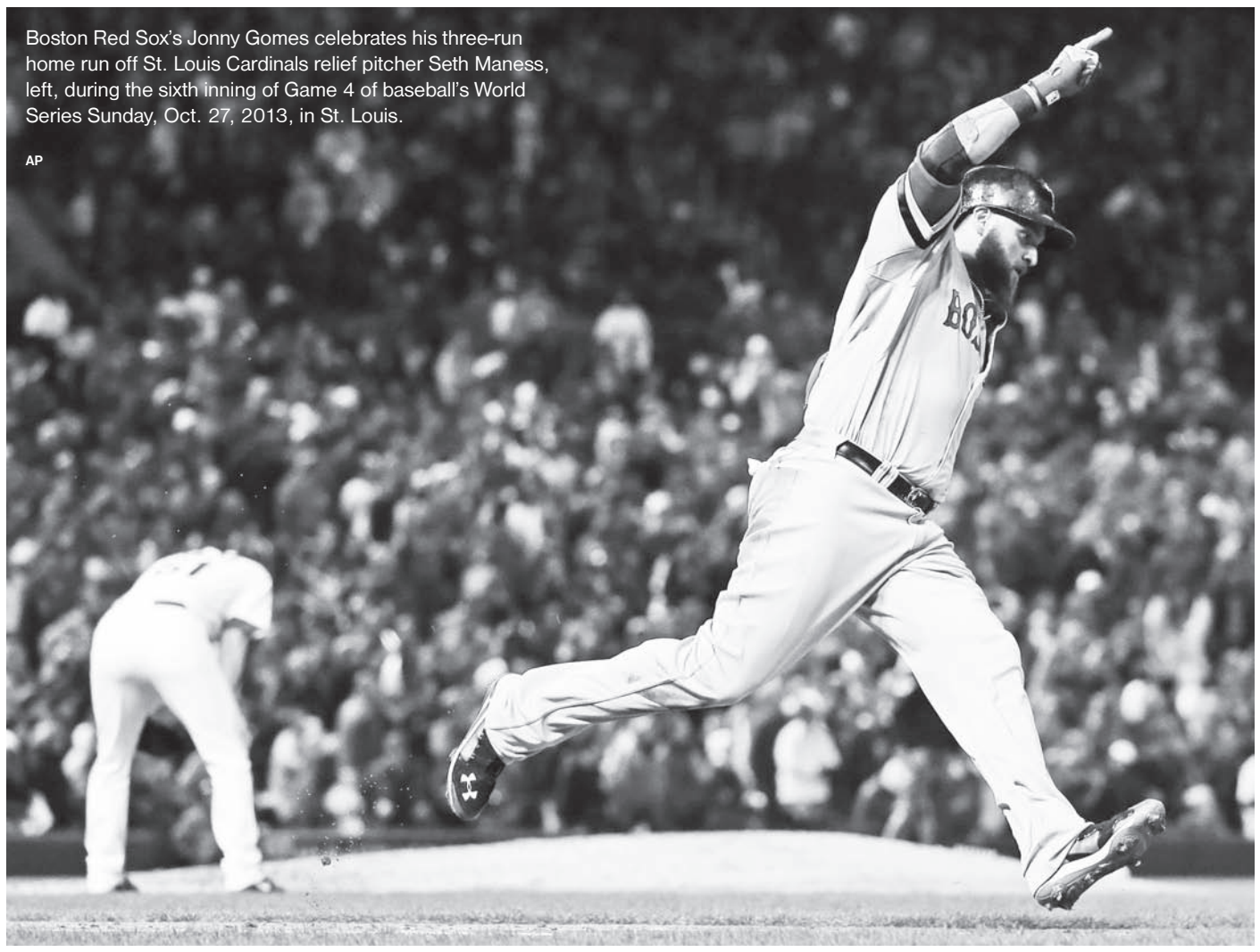
Fielding for the Red Sox became trouble again in the third when Carpenter singled to center with one out, and the ball appeared to take a high hop and roll away from Ellsbury. Carpenter sprinted to second on the second error of the Series by Ellsbury—who had just three during the regular season.

Beltran singled into center field two pitches later, making him 8 for 10 with 12 RBIs with runners in scoring position during the postseason.

There almost was another miscue in the fourth following a one-out walk to Jay. Freese bounced to Drew, and the shortstop grabbed the grounder on the run and flipped the ball with his glove high to Pedroia at second. He jumped and just got his left foot down in time to force Jay, who slid into him hard.

After Ortiz's double to the right-center field wall in the fifth, Gomes fell behind 0-2 in the count and then worked out his walk. Lynn appeared to be too fine with his pitches as he walked rookie Bogaerts, loading the bases, and Drew lofted a fly to medium left near the foul line.

Holliday's one-hop throw home hit the sliding Ortiz in the back and bounced away. Lynn recovered to strike out David Ross and induce an inning-ending groundout from pinch-hitter Mike Carp.



Boston Red Sox's Jonny Gomes celebrates his three-run home run off St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Seth Maness, left, during the sixth inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in St. Louis.

AP

Strange end again: Pickoff caps Game 4

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The World Series had another bizarre ending—this time, a pickoff at first base.

One day after the Cardinals walked off (tripped off?) with a win on an obstruction call, Game 4 ended Sunday night with St. Louis pinch-runner Kolten Wong caught leaning.

Wong, his eyes red after the game, took full responsibility.

"I just got a little too far off and my back foot slipped out," Wong said. ''He just made a good throw. I slipped and that's it."

It was the first postseason game in history to end on a pickoff, according to STATS. Game 3 was the first World Series game to end on an obstruction call.

On Sunday, the Cardinals were down 4-2 when pinch-hitter Allen Craig hit a ball off the right field wall with one out in the ninth. It would normally have been a double but Craig can barely run due to an ankle injury made worse when he scored on the obstruction play on Saturday.

Wong, a speedy rookie, pinch ran for Craig. After Matt Carpenter popped up, the Cardinals had just the right man at the plate as the potential tying run in Carlos Beltran, among the best postseason hitters ever.

But perhaps inexplicably, given the need for two runs, not one, Wong was caught too far off the base by closer Koji Uehara's.

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said Wong had been told that Uehara has a good move.

"He was reminded once he got on base, and also he was reminded that the run didn't mean much, be careful, shorten up," Matheny said. ''And he got a little extra, then he slipped and the slip cost him."

Wong said he had no intention of trying to steal second.

"Not at all. I was just getting ready, getting aggressive," he said. "It was a hitting situation. Carlos, he can drive the ball. If that ball got down somewhere, I was hoping to go first to third, maybe score."

Boston manager John Farrell said it wasn't a play he called.

"That was on his own," Farrell said. "It was all on Uehara."

Uehara was surprised he caught Wong.

"It was the first time for me to end a game like that as far as I can remember," he said through an interpreter.

Troublesome shoulder or not, Red Sox starter Clay Buchholz turned in a brief but effective start in Game 4.

Buchholz used guile, not velocity, to keep St. Louis hitters off-stride and mostly in check Sunday night. He lasted just four innings but allowed only one run—unearned—giving up three hits, striking out two and walking three, one intentional.

He didn't get the decision, but his gutsy performance was crucial in the Red Sox's 4-2 win to even the series 2-all and ensure it will be decided in Boston.

"I don't think I had the fastball I usually had," Buchholz said. "But I had some more movement on my other pitches and had some good defense behind me. I was able to stay away from that big inning."

Buchholz missed three months of the regular season with an injury to his right shoulder. Pitching in the AL championship series, he said the shoulder didn't feel quite right, like it was weak or fatigued. There was speculation about whether he could make his first World Series start.

He did, and he's a big reason the Red Sox have regained home-field advantage.

Not that it was easy. The Cardinals put two men on base in every inning but the 1-2-3 first against Buchholz. The only run they could push across against the 29-year-old right-hander came in the third when Matt Carpenter singled and hustled to second when center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury misplayed the ball, then scored on Carlos Beltran's single.

Chiefs down Browns, keep perfect record

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)—Alex Smith threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns and helped the Kansas City Chiefs hold off the scrappy Cleveland Browns late in the fourth quarter, 23-17, to preserve a victory and remain the NFL's lone undefeated team.

The Chiefs (8-0), off to their best start since 2003, built a 20-7 lead late in the first half before the Browns (3-4) made it a game.

Jason Campbell, starting in place of the ineffective Brandon Weeden, threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns for the Browns.

The Chiefs kept stopping the Browns down the stretch. They forced a turnover on downs with just over 2 minutes left, and Ryan Succop kicked his third field goal in the closing seconds to help seal the victory.

AP

Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Dexter McCluster (22) lands in the end zone for a touchdown after a catch during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

Lions 31, Cowboys 30

In Detroit, Matthew Stafford's 1-yard lunge over a pile of linemen with 12 seconds left and Calvin Johnson's 329 yards receiving lifted the Detroit Lions to a 31-30 comeback win over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Stafford threw a 22-yard pass to Johnson, who had the second-most yards receiving in NFL history, to set up his winning score. The quarterback seemed to catch his hometown Cowboys by surprise—some of them appeared to expect him to spike the ball.

Johnson's total trails only the 336 yards receiving Flipper Anderson had for the Los Angeles Rams against New Orleans on Nov. 26, 1989, in a game that went into overtime.

Broncos 45, Redskins 21

In Denver, Peyton Manning overcame four turnovers and Denver scored the last 38 points against former Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and his new team. Manning finished with 354 yards and four touchdown passes to offset his three interceptions and lost fumble.

His first two turnovers led to points that gave the Redskins (2-5) a 21-7 lead early in the third quarter. From there, Manning led the Broncos (7-1) on two long scoring drives, then the go-ahead score on a 35-yard touchdown pass to Knowshon Moreno.

Robert Griffin III finished with 132 yards passing, one score and two interceptions for Washington before hurting his left knee.

Packers 44, Vikings 31

In Minneapolis, Aaron Rodgers threw for 285 yards and two touchdowns to lead Green Bay over Minnesota.

Rodgers completed 24 of 29 passes and Jordy Nelson had 123 yards receiving for the Packers. Micah Hyde returned a punt 93 yards for a touchdown late in the second quarter, and Eddie Lacy rushed for 94 yards and a score for Green Bay (5-2).

Cordarrelle Patterson set an NFL record with a 109-yard return on the opening kickoff and Adrian Peterson rushed for 60 yards and a touchdown for the Vikings (1-6). But Christian Ponder struggled again in his return to the starting lineup and the Packers scored on every possession until they took a knee to end the game.

Saints 35, Bills 17

In New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for five touchdowns and 332 yards, and the New Orleans Saints pulled away for a victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Saints tight end Jimmy Graham played after missing practice most of the week with a left foot injury and scored on 13- and 15-yard passes over the middle, powering through tackles at the goal line both times.

Rookie Kenny Stills had touchdowns of 69 and 42 yards for the Saints (6-1) and Lance Moore snagged a 15-yard scoring pass in his return from a hand injury that sidelined him three games.

Thad Lewis was sacked four times, intercepted once, lost two fumbles and appeared shaken up at times, but stayed in the game for the Bills (3-5), finishing with 234 yards passing and one touchdown. Buffalo's Fred Jackson scored on a 1-yard run.

Bengals 49, Jets 9

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton threw a career-high five touchdown passes, four of them to Marvin Jones.

Jones set a Bengals record for touchdown receptions, scoring on catches of 9, 6, 17 and 6 yards.

Dalton's five touchdown passes gave him 11 in his last three games, his best such span. He's the first quarterback to throw for five TDs against the Jets since Dan Marino in 1988.

The Bengals (6-2) won their fourth in a row and padded their AFC North lead.

New York (4-4) took its most lopsided loss since 2010. Rookie quarterback Geno Smith threw two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns.

Raiders 21, Steelers 18

In Oakland, Terrelle Pryor ran 93 yards on the first play from scrimmage for the longest touchdown run by a quarterback, and the Raiders won following a bye week for the first time since 2002.

Darren McFadden added two touchdown runs and the defense did the rest for the Raiders (3-4), who had been outscored by more than 13 points a game in losing their last 10 games out of the bye.

Ben Roethlisberger struggled against heavy pressure from Oakland's front, and Shaun Suisham missed two short field goals as Pittsburgh (2-5) squandered any momentum gained during back-to-back wins following an 0-4 start.

Cardinals 27, Falcons 13

In Glendale, rookie Andre Ellington rushed for 154 yards on 15 carries, including an 80-yard touchdown run, and the Cardinals intercepted Matt Ryan four times.

Ellington's big run, tied for third longest in Cardinals history, was part of a 21-point second quarter that put the Cardinals (4-4) in control for good.

Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald caught four passes for 48 yards and a touchdown, in the process becoming the youngest player—at 30 years, 57 days—in NFL history to reach 800 career receptions.

Ryan had thrown three interceptions total in the first six games of the season for the Falcons (2-5). Rashad Johnson had two of Arizona's interceptions.

Patriots 27, Dolphins 17

In Foxborough, The New England Patriots shook off a dismal first half and another mediocre performance by Tom Brady to beat the Miami Dolphins.

Trailing 17-3 after gaining just 59 yards in the half, the Patriots quickly turned the game around in the third quarter with two touchdowns in a span of seven plays.

The Patriots (6-2) outscored the Dolphins (3-4) in the third quarter 17-0. Miami lost its fourth straight game.

Brady completed 13 of 22 passes for just 116 yards, but threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Dobson with 6:32 gone in the third quarter that began the comeback.

49ers 42, Jaguards 10

In London, Colin Kaepernick led the way with his arm and with his feet, throwing for one touchdown and running for two more to lead the San Francisco 49ers over the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium.

Kaepernick ended up with 164 yards passing and 54 yards rushing, and Frank Gore also ran for two scores for the 49ers (6-2).

Giants 15, Eagles 7

In Philadelphia, Josh Brown kicked a career-high five field goals, Eli Manning played error-free and the New York Giants beat the Philadelphia Eagles.

Michael Vick returned for the Eagles (3-5) after missing 2½ games with a hamstring injury, but clearly wasn't healthy and was removed for rookie Matt Barkley late in the second quarter.

Beasley's new start in Miami has arrived

MIAMI (AP)—For the first time this season, the Miami Heat practiced Sunday with only 15 players on the roster.

Michael Beasley was one of them.

The cuts have been made, the team for opening night has been selected, and Beasley has his first victory of the season. He's still in Miami. There was no guarantee that he would stick with the Heat, even after he decided to accept a one-year non-guaranteed contract. But when the team's brain-trust gathered Friday night to decide how many and which players to keep, Beasley remained in the mix.

So he'll be there when the Heat get their rings and see their championship banner raised Tuesday night. Beasley won't be getting a ring, of course. What he said he will get that night is inspiration to be a real part of one of those title-savoring parties sooner than later.

"Regardless of the year or who you have returning from your roster and who you're bringing in, it's always so many tough decisions," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. ''I sat in (Friday night's meeting) for about an hour. They stayed there until about 3 o'clock in the morning, talking about the roster and the last few spots. It always comes down to it. I don't know why. Now we've got our 15 and we're looking forward to starting the next step.''

Beasley played with Dwyane Wade, Udonis Haslem, Mario Chalmers, James Jones and Joel Anthony during his first stint in Miami. Combined, they will have a total of 12 Heat championship rings by the time Tuesday's ceremony ends. Beasley is still waiting for his first.

But given the potential of this Heat team, albeit with Beasley in a far different role than what he had the first time around in Miami, that wait could end about a year from now.

"We can't play 82 games tomorrow and play a whole season in the next week," Beasley said. "I'll continue to work hard, continue to do my part, continue to gain the trust of my teammates. If I get that chance, I get that chance. Just trying to take it day by day."

The trust part of that statement is vital to Beasley these days.

His first five NBA seasons were filled with tumult. His play has been inconsistent. Phoenix, which is expected to be a club that struggles mightily this season, is paying him $7 million to not wear a Suns uniform—he was bought out this summer, a few weeks after being arrested and charged with marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. It was the latest in a series of marijuana-involved incidents that have plagued his career.

He was asked after the preseason finale if winning the Heat trust again was a camp priority.

"Was? No. Still is," Beasley said. ''Getting the trust of my teammates and the trust of my coach, that's really the only thing that matters. The looks in their face when I do something wrong, it feels weird enough. I want to get to the point where me doing something is not so exciting anymore."

Chinatown claims second straight victory

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Chinatown grabbed its second consecutive win in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after beating Fong's Bakery in a low-scoring game, 55-48, last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Chinatown held Fong's Bakery to 20 points in the second half to make it two in a row after nailing a 73-69 victory over Kixx Engine Oil on Oct. 16. Fong's Bakery missed a 2-0 start after its 66-58 win over Docomo last week.

Justin Zapanta top-scored for Chinatown despite missing the entire first quarter of the match. He drilled 17 points, nailing Chinatown's first 8 points in the second canto to withstand Fong's Bakery's repeated comeback bids. Chinatown went ahead by 8 markers at the end of the third period, 18-10, but was threatened in the second, as Fong's Bakery moved within three at the break, 30-27.

Chinatown went on to keep its shaky lead in the third, 38-36, after holding Fong's Bakery to three field goals and nine points. Actually both teams struggled at the start of the second half, but Chinatown had a slight edge, as Vince Iglecias closed the third with five straight points.

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Chinatown's Dixon Kwon goes up for a layup against Fong's Bakery's A.J. Bautista during the first quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Zapanta, who was scoreless in the third canto, showed up in the fourth, making Chinatown's first basket, and 7 of the team's last 9 points, including a crucial triple that sealed the doom for Fong's Bakery. He scored 7 straight points in the closing minutes of the fourth canto, while Rodney Sacramento made the last basket.

Despite moving within only a basket at the start of the fourth period, Fong's Bakery failed to complete the come-from-behind win, as it could not get baskets in streaks. Jason Bahillo, who had 15 points in their debut win and connected on four triples, was limited to 4 points and never made a single shot from downtown. Edwin Camacho, who also finished in twin digits (16) in their first win, scored only 5. J.P. Jose paced Fong's Bakery with his 10 markers.

Chinatown 55 – Zapanta 17, Quizon 11, Kwon 7, Sacramento 7, Iglecias 5, Lizama 4, Fleming 2.

Fong's Bakery 48 – Jose 10, Reyes 9, Camacho 5, Bautista 5, Guntar 4, Bahillo 4, Corotan 4, Buniag 3, Samson 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-10, 30-27, 38-36, 55-48.

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The newly elected officials of the Saipan Little League, Inc. pose for a group photo after the general membership meeting last week at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Saipan Little League has new officers

The Saipan Little League, Inc. held an election of board members and officers for the 2014 season on Oct. 24 at conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Saipan Little League Inc. is proud to announce its new set of officers: Tony Rogolifoi, president; Joey Dela Cruz, vice president; Vinnie Sablan, players agent; Annie Flores, treasurer; Tiara Evangelista, secretary; Derron Flores, safety officer, and AJ Murig, chief statistician.

The Saipan Little League Board will be holding a mandatory managers/coaches meeting on Nov. 2 at 9pm at the pavilion at the complex. All interested teams must send a manager/coach representative. Agenda will include the early launching of the 2014 season, which will commence in January, as well as the proposed change in the Major division (inclusion of a minor league). It is important that interested managers/coaches attend the meeting to give feedbacks and concerns about this proposal.

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PADRES

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errors at the bottom of the third inning.

The Padres scored two runs off those miscues with Regis reaching home off an error at second base and Muna also making it home off a mistake from catcher Frankie Lieto. Khobby Kaipat put the Padres in the board in the third inning when he advanced to first off a shortstop error, stole second, marched to third off another booboo at second base, and reached home off Blas' sacrifice fly. Logan Martin pitched for the Braves at the start of the third and gave up two hits and two stolen bases.

Facing a 0-3 deficit, the Braves finally lit up the scoreboard at the top of the fourth with Frankie Lieto reaching off an error and they had a chance to score more with runners on first and second, but Muna got the third out, striking out Zack Lieto.

At the bottom of the fourth, the Braves tapped A.J. Evangelista to take the mound, but he gave up three hits and two earned runs in his early shift and he struggled anew in the fifth, allowing two more hits and two runs before Kody Kaipat relieved him midway in the fifth. Lancaster Secharmidal, Blas, and Khobby Kaipat had RBI singles each against Evangelista, who allowed one more run off a passed ball and the Braves got the two other runs off errors on first and second base for an 8-1 advantage.

The Braves made it a 6-run deficit, 2-8, as Frankie Lieto doubled at the top of the sixth, stole second and third, and reached home off a Padres error. The Braves had only one out when Lieto scored and again had opportunities to gain more runs, but failed to cash in. K.J. Kalen was tagged out by Padres catcher Verlance Secharmidal for the second out. J.J. Lifoifoi was next at bat, singled, and stole second but was eventually beaten to third.

Two strikeouts and one ground out quickly ended the bottom of the sixth inning for the Padres and gave the Braves room to make one final push, but the latter also had a fast top of the seventh inning. Evangelista led off the Braves, but returned to the dugout on a 5-3 putout play and Regis went on clinch the win for the Padres with 1-3 putout plays against the next two batters.

With the finals win, the Padres brought home two championship trophies, as they also nailed the pennant after finishing the regular season with a 10-2 record and beating the Braves in the tiebreak. The Padres defeated the Braves twice in the regular season and completed the sweep with their 13-2 win in the semis and victory in last week's finals.

MP

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Yobech, Daniel Lim, and Scott Kim. Also on the team are Greg Sablan, Bob Kim, Thanyakorn Konkoed, Angelo Jones, Namki Kim, and Sungbae Park.

Unsa opened the scoring for MP United, as he found the back of the net in the fifth minute. He made it back-to-back, as he eluded his defenders and scored anew four minutes later. MP United's last two goals came in the second half with Del Rosario lighting up the scoreboard in the 41st minute and Joyner also getting his first goal one minute later.

MP United FC coach Norman Del Rosario said they attacked early, as they want to test the waters and did not have a clear idea how Sta. Rosa FC plays on defense.

"In the first few minutes we really concentrated on attacking. We also had good buildup from our defenders and this helped us set up for goals. Our defense has always been our strength," the Typhoons mentor said.

With the MP United's defense holding strong, Sta. Rosa FC went scoreless in the majority of the opening half before ending the drought late in the first 25 minutes of play.

"The game was very physical and Jehn (Joyner) got a taste of it, but we held on," Del Rosario added.

The MP United FC-Sta. Rosa FC tiff was the kick-off match in the boys U18 and pitted Group B teams. The Typhoons are grouped with Ateneo de Manila and Manila Jeepney FC. The win in its debut is a big morale-booster for MP United as it faces Manila Jeepney FC today at 2pm (4pm Saipan time).

"Everyone was so pumped up after the win and positive vibes are going around the team," said Del Rosario, who picked Ateneo and Group A's Loyola Meralco Sparks as the favored teams in the tournament.

Ateneo is the champion in the UAAP (Universities Athletic Association of the Philippines) high school league, while Meralco is bannered by the collegiate team of Far Eastern University, which is also competing in the touted UAAP.

The Typhoons will be challenging Ateneo tomorrow for their last game in Group B. In Group A's opening game, Meralco shut out Team Socceroo, 2-0. Completing Group A are La Salle Greenhills Varsity and Bataan Elite FC. Each pool has a round-robin format with the Top 2 squads per group advancing to the "Cup Playoffs."

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first XTERRA World after earning a slot to the prestigious off-road triathlon event during the 2013 XTERRA Saipan Championship. Tenorio submitted 37:53 in the swim leg, was less than two minutes behind Prestley in the bike race after logging 2:29:04, and capped the event with a 1:04:48 time in the run leg to finish at the No. 50 spot.

Sublemente moved out of the water four seconds after Tenorio, as the former clocked in at 37:57. The XTERRA World returnee fell behind Tenorio and Prestley after timing in at 2:36:18 in the bike leg. Sublemente went on to finish strong with his 1:09:40 in the run part of the event, but his 4:23:55 (No. 54 in the age group) was way behind the 3:46:57 he recorded when he debuted in the XTERRA World in 2011.

Spain's Ruben Ruzafa ruled this year's XTERRA World with a blistering time of 2:34:34. He won by less than three minutes against Great Britain's Asa Shaw, who timed in at 2:36:01 and nosed out eventual third placer and XTERRA Saipan two-time champion Ben Allen (2:36:24) of Australia.

Allen was fifth overall out of the water with his 19:12, but lost the lead to Ruzafa by falling behind in the bike leg by more than three minutes. Ruzafa, who had 21:30 in the swim leg, logged 1:33:11 in the bike race against Allen's 1:36:37. Shaw was at third place after the swim and bike legs, but managed to chase Allen after timing in at 39:24 in the run part against the latter's 41:12.

In the women's pro division, New Zealand's Nicky Samuels gained enough cushion in the first two legs to beat former champion Lesley Paterson of Scotland. Samuels submitted 19:50 and 1:52:27 in the swim and bike legs, respectively against the 21:26 and 1:54:43 of Paterson, who was the fastest (women's pro) in the run leg (43:55), but settled for second after failing to break the three-hour barrier. Paterson, clocked in at 3:00:14 against the 2:57:48 of Samuels, who finished the race with her 45:31 in the run leg. Flora Duffy of Bermuda came in at third with her 3:00:19.

XTERRA Saipan champion Jacqui Slack of United Kingdom was in the Top 3 in the early part of the race, but dropped to ninth after registering 3:05:52, just nine seconds behind former XTERRA Saipan and XTERRA World winner Shonny Vanlandingham. Suzy Snyder (3:08:52), Carina Wasle (3:11:37), Renata Bucher (3:14:15), Daz Parker (3:44:01) and Mieko Carey (4:50:33) were the other XTERRA Saipan participants to complete yesterday's race.

NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 3

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Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar gestures to U8 runners during a race briefing for the NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 3 held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Runners in the U8 age group head to the course.

Runners wait for the start of the registration.

Spectators cheer on a runner.

Two runners are a few feet away from the finish line.

Siblings Kina, left, and Bwiilitomwar Rangamar hold hands as they near the finish line.

Runners line up to register.

A female runner leads three others on their way to the finish line.

Two runners head to the finish line

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Padres clinch Triple A crown

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Khobby Kaipat is seen here getting ready at bat for the Padres, who ruled this year's Triple A league after beating the Braves in the finals, 8-2, last Thursday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Padres dominated the Braves, 8-2, in the long-delayed winner-take-all finale of the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League.

The one-game finals was originally set for Oct. 18, but due to the inclement it was only played last Thursday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield with the Padres capitalizing on the sluggish and erratic Braves to coast to the title win.

Jared Sablan started for the Padres and nearly threw a no-hitter in 2.2 innings pitched. He allowed only one hit, walked two and struck out three, while denying the Braves a single run. The Padres used three more pitchers in the last five innings and though Mike Muna, Leroy Regis, and Quinson Blas gave up two runs and allowed five hits, they stranded six runners to keep their team's safe distance.

A.J. Lizama threw from the mound for the Braves in the first two innings and he too did a good job, allowing no hit and run. He struck out one batter and the rest of the Braves defense held the Padres without a run in the first two innings before the eventual runners-up began committing

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Peter Prestley, left, and Butch Sublemente, center, pose with Wolf Mojica after completing the 2013 XTERRA World Championship yesterday in Maui, Hawaii.

MP United wins Pilipinas Cup debut

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MP United FC made its presence felt early in the 2013 Pilipinas Cup International Invitational Youth Tournament after bagging an impressive 4-1 victory over Sta. Rosa FC yesterday at the Nuvali-Evoliving Field in Laguna, Philippines.

Tanapon Unsa, Enrico Del Rosario, and Jehn Joyner scored in MP United FC's debut in the U18 division of the Pilipinas Cup. The three started out for the Typhoons along with goalie Christopher Aninzo, John Diego Masga, Kennedy Izuka, John Taisacan, Chris Park, Jireh

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The starting 11 for MP United FC pose for a photo before playing against Sta. Rosa FC during the opening day in the 2013 Pilipinas Cup International Invitational Youth Tournament yesterday at the Nuvali-Evoliving Field in Laguna, Philippines.

Saipan triathletes complete XTERRA World

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Peter Prestley finished ahead of Butch Sublemente and Lewie Tenorio in the age group race in the 2013 XTERRA World Championship held yesterday in Maui, Hawaii.

Prestley debuted in XTERRA World and timed in at 4:06:46 to place at the No. 48 spot out of 73 finishers in the 40 to 44 age group. He managed to beat the two veteran triathletes after getting a good start in the swim leg. Prestley completed the 1.5-kilometer ocean swim in the rough waters at the Flemings Beach in 28:41, negotiated the 30.4K MTB race in 2:28:29, and timed in at 1:09:36 in the 5.9K run leg.

The up-and-coming triathlete cut the tape at the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua about five minutes faster than the now Guam-based Tenorio, who also participated in his

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